

# MINUTES OF THE TENTH SESSION

OF THE

## SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD AT SANDERSVILLE, GEORGIA,

BEGINNING DEC. 13TH—ENDING DEC. 18TH, 1876.

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## MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE AND THEIR RELATION.

Anthony, Samuel . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1832 . . .	I
Ainsworth, James T. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	I
Austin, James M. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1849 . . .	I
Armistead, Thomas S. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1870 . . .	2
Adams, Charles D. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1874 . . .	
Anthony, J. D. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1847 . . .	2
Abbott, Don Q. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1875 . . .	I
Branch, F. A. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	I
Blalock, David . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	November, 1844 . . .	I
Baker, William S. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	Sup.
Burke, John W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	3
Breedlove, Benjamin F. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1855 . . .	2
Brooks, Wyatt . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1846 . . .	Sup.
Bass, William C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1867 . . .	3
Burch, Edwin J. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1869 . . .	I
Bryan, Robert B. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1874 . . .	I
Boothé, Robert M. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1874 . . .	I
Boland, C. E. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Bearden, W. F. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Bickley, Charles T. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1876 . . .	I
Clarke, George C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1845 . . .	2
Childs, Seaborn G. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1841 . . .	I
Christian, Thomas T. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	4
Clark, James O. A. . . . .	Presiding Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	2
Conley, William F. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1851 . . .	Sup.
Corley, Robert J. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1865 . . .	I
Cook, James O. A. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1863 . . .	3
Conley, William M. C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1866 . . .	I
Clements, Stephen D. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1867 . . .	I
Crenshaw, David . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	Sup.
Culpepper, John B. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1870 . . .	I
Carey, Isaac F. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Crumpler, P. H. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Dunwoody, James . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1818 . . .	Sup.
Dean, Alvin J. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	I
Dixon, Robert W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1856 . . .	3
Darsey, Lowndes A. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	I
Domingos, John W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1871 . . .	I
Ellis, Frederick R. C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1852 . . .	Sup.
Evans, Robert F. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1859 . . .	I
Embry, George T. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1865 . . .	I
Fentress, Henry C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	I
Flanders, William J. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Felder, H. R. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1875 . . .	I
Giles, Jesse J. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1856 . . .	3
Griffiths, Thomas A. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1871 . . .	I
Griffiths, George J. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1870 . . .	I
Harris, James . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1842 . . .	Sup.
Hinton, James W. . . . .	Presiding Elder . . . . .	December, 1847 . . .	2
Harris, Philemon C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1851 . . .	I
Hayes, William M. . . . .	Presiding Elder . . . . .	December, 1867 . . .	2
Hines, Carolin C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	I
Honiker, Robert L. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1870 . . .	I
Johnston, George S. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	I
Jordan, Julian S. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1869 . . .	I
Key, Joseph S. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1849 . . .	2
Knox, Walter . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1841 . . .	Sup.
Key, Howard W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	2
Key, Benjamin W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Key, Burrel S. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1876 . . .	I
Littlejohn, Jesse R. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1850 . . .	2

*Members of Conference.*

Lewis, Walker . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Lester, Robert B. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1851 . . .	I
Lanier, Thomas B. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1858 . . .	Sup.
Lane, Wesley . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1860 . . .	I
Leonard, Thomas K. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	November, 1867 . . .	I
Lockwood, Robert M. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1871 . . .	2
Lovett, William C. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1874 . . .	2
Lloyd, W. F. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1875 . . .	I
Mann, A. T. . . . .	Presiding Elder . . . . .	December, 1836 . . .	I
Marshall, John M. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1845 . . .	I
McGehee, John B. . . . .	Presiding Elder . . . . .	December, 1852 . . .	4
MacDonell, G. G. N. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	I
McWilliams, D. R. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1857 . . .	I
McGehee, Edward H. . . . .	Presiding Elder . . . . .	December, 1858 . . .	3
Moore, Charles A. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1858 . . .	3
Mauldin, James D. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1859 . . .	I
Morehouse, N. D. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1860 . . .	3
Morris, J. V. M. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1855 . . .	2
Nease, Thad. I. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1874 . . .	2
Owen, Jacob R. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1851 . . .	Sup.
Ousley, N. B. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1851 . . .	2
Pierce, Lovick . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1805 . . .	5
Pitchford, Henry P. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1835 . . .	Sup.
Payne, Lewis B. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1850 . . .	2
Potter, J. M. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	I
Pope, Daniel G. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	I
Peek, Leonard C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1869 . . .	Sup.
Robison, William F. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1866 . . .	I
Rentz, Edward J. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1867 . . .	I
Roberts, William F. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1869 . . .	I
Rorie, James E. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Stubbs, S. W. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1875 . . .	I
Snow, L. A. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1875 . . .	I
Smith, C. W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1867 . . .	I
Smith, Osborne L. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1845 . . .	5
Sentell, John E. . . . .	Presiding Elder . . . . .	January, . 1850 . . .	2
Simmons, J. W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1858 . . .	I
Sweet, Stephen S. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	October, . 1859 . . .	Sy
Stewart, William W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1867 . . .	3
Stallings, W. I. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1876 . . .	I
Talley, John W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	February, 1828 . . .	Sup.
Tignor, Young F. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1849 . . .	Sup.
Thomas, William H. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1849 . . .	Sup.
Tidwell, W. W. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1854 . . .	I
Toole, Charles J. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	Sy.
Thompson, George C. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1871 . . .	I
Twitty, Peter S. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1872 . . .	I
Tucker, Summerfield N. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1870 . . .	I
Wiggins, L. G. R. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1858 . . .	Sup.
Wright, Arminius . . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1846 . . .	Sup.
Wynn, Alexander M. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1849 . . .	Sy.
Wardlaw, John B. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	January, . 1843 . . .	I
Williams, John L. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1855 . . .	I
Williamson, Robert F. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1859 . . .	Sy.
Wright, Alexander P. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1868 . . .	I
Wardlaw, Joseph P. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1870 . . .	I
Williams, Albert M. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1872 . . .	I
Weaver, S. R. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1858 . . .	Sy.
Weston, Joseph W. . . . .	Deacon . . . . .	December, 1873 . . .	I
Wiggins, R. L. . . . .	Elder . . . . .	December, 1858 . . .	2
Whiting E. M. . . . .	Probationer . . . . .	December, 1876 . . .	I

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*Fourth Year.*—O. L. Smith, A. J. Dean, B. F. Breedlove.

1. *Resolved*, That the Examining Committees, the applicants for admission on trial, together with the under-graduates of South Georgia Conference, be required to meet at the place of holding the session of the Conference, in time to begin the examinations on Tuesday, at nine o'clock, A. M., next preceding the meeting of the Conference.

2. *Resolved*, Any member of either committee, or any applicant for admission on trial, or any under-graduate, failing to meet at the appointed time and place, shall, if a member of either committee, be removed, or if an applicant or an under-graduate, forfeit the privilege of going before the committee for examination at that session—provided, in either instance, a providential hindrance shall be received as a valid excuse.

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# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

## FIRST DAY.

SANDERSVILLE, GEORGIA, December 13, 1876.

The South Georgia Conference convened at the Academy in Sandersville, Georgia, December 13th, 1876, at nine o'clock, A. M., to hold its tenth annual session, with Bishop George F. Pierce in the Chair.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by Dr. J. S. Key.

The roll was called by the former Secretary, S. D. Clements, and the following reported present at the opening session :

### CLERICAL.

J. M. Austin, Samuel Anthony, J. D. Anthony, J. T. Ainsworth, W. F. Bearden, W. M. D. Bond, B. F. Breedlove, F. A. Branch, David Blalock, J. W. Burke, E. J. Burch, I. F. Carey, T. T. Christian, George C. Clarke, J. O. A. Clark, R. J. Corley, J. O. A. Cook, S. D. Clements, P. H. Crumpler, W. M. C. Conley, D. O'Driscoll, A. J. Dean, L. A. Darsey, R. W. Dixon, George T. Embry, R. F. Evans, H. C. Fentress, W. J. Flanders, J. J. Giles, P. C. Harris, T. A. Griffiths, W. M. Hayes, J. W. Hinton, C. C. Hines, R. L. Honiker, G. S. Johnston, J. S. Jordan, J. S. Key, B. W. Key, Walter Knox, Wesley Lane, T. B. Lanier, J. R. Littlejohn, Walker Lewis, R. B. Lester, T. K. Leonard, R. M. Lockwood, J. D. Mauldin, J. M. Marshall, George G. N. MacDonell, J. B. McGehee, D. R. McWilliams, C. A. Moore, N. D. Morehouse, J. V. M. Morris, N. B. Ousley, L. B. Payne, J. M. Potter, E. J. Rentz, W. F. Roberts, W. F. Robison, J. A. Rosser, J. E. Rorie, O. L. Smith, J. E. Sentell, J. W. Simmons, W. W. Stewart, S. S. Sweet, J. W. Talley, W. W. Tidwell, George C. Thompson, P. S. Twitty, S. N. Tucker, J. B. Wardlaw, J. P. Wardlaw, S. R. Weaver, J. W. Weston, R. L. Wiggins, A. M. Williams, A. P. Wright, A. M. Wynn.

### LAY DELEGATES.

Rev. T. J. Bazemore, J. J. Jones, H. S. Wimberly, T. J. Cater, Isaac Hardeman, Rev. H. W. Hilliard, T. J. Watt, M. E. Rylander, P. B. Simms, W. H. Robinson, Benjamin Darsey, D. McArthur.

S. D. Clements was re-elected Secretary, and R. J. Corley, R. M. Lockwood and R. L. Honiker, Assistants.

On motion of J. D. Anthony, the Conference resolved to meet at nine o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at one, P. M.

The Presiding Elder of the District, and the Pastor of the Sandersville Station, were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

The following committees were constituted by the Conference:

*On Books and Periodicals.*—George C. Clarke, P. S. Twitty, W. F. Robison, J. J. Jones, H. S. Wimberly.

*On Sunday Schools.*—A. J. Dean, George S. Johnston, T. K. Leonard, M. E. Rylander, P. B. Simms.

*On Bible Cause.*—J. W. Simmons, George J. Griffiths, R. L. Wiggins, Thomas J. Watt, E. F. Courvoisie.

On motion of J. O. A. Clark, the Bishop was asked to appoint a committee of three preachers and two laymen to consider the action of the Joint Board of Commissioners from the Methodist Episcopal Church and from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met at Cape May in August last. The Bishop announced the following committee: J. O. A. Clark, J. S. Key, Samuel Anthony, J. J. Jones, H. S. Wimberly.

A communication from Dr. T. O. Summers was read. Also, the Annual Exhibit from the Publishing House at Nashville, Tennessee, by A. H. Redford, agent, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Also, a report from the Missionary Board at Nashville, was read and referred to the Board of Missions.

Dr. J. B. McFerrin, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The Secretary read the report of the publishers of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, which was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

On motion of J. D. Mauldin, the Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the examination of character.

R. M. Lockwood presented a memorial from the Thomasville District Conference in reference to the appropriating of Domestic Missionary money, and prayed that no money be appropriated to any pastoral charge except where there is a *bona fide* mission. It was referred to the Board of Missions.

The report of the Visiting Committee to Andrew Female College, was referred to the Board of Education.

The Bishop called the 20th question: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The following Elders names were called and their characters passed:

G. G. N. MacDonell, A. M. Wynn, J. S. Jordan, J. D. Mauldin, E. J. Burch, N. D. Morehouse, F. A. Branch, B. F. Breedlove, J. D. Anthony, J. O. A. Clark, W. M. D. Bond, S. D. Clements, S. S. Sweet, T. A. Griffiths, D. R. McWilliams, R. L. Wiggins, S. Anthony, R. B. Lester, C. J. Toole, J. B. Wardlaw, J. W. Burke, W. C. Bass, C. W. Smith, O. L. Smith.

When the name of E. H. Myers was called, his Presiding Elder, G. G. N. MacDonell, stated that he had died at his post, of yellow fever, September 26th, 1876, in the city of Savannah.

Dr. J. O. A. Clark offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That Bishop Pierce be requested to preach, if his health will allow, on Sunday morning of this session, a memorial sermon on the death and life of our beloved brother, Rev. E. H. Myers, D. D., and if his health will not permit, he prepare for publication his sermon.

The Bishop stated that his health would not permit him to preach at present, but that if it was the wish of the Conference he would prepare the sermon for publication.

The name of Arminius Wright was called and his character passed, and he granted a superannuated relation.

S. S. Sweet was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Bishop announced the following committee of investigation in the case of Wm. J. Green : N. B. Ousley, J. M. Potter, R. L. Wiggins.

The usual notices were given and the Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

## SECOND DAY.

SANDERSVILLE, December 14th, 1876.

The Conference convened at the appointed hour and place with Bishop Pierce in the Chair.

Religious service conducted by Rev. H. W. Hilliard.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of J. S. Key, the calling of the roll was dispensed with during the remainder of the session.

A petition to the Congress of the United States in behalf of the Publishing House at Nashville, Tennessee, was presented by Rev. R. Abbey, which was referred to the following special committee : O. L. Smith, J. J. Jones, R. B. Lester.

G. G. N. MacDonell announced his resignation as Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and that F. A. Branch had been elected to fill the vacancy.

The 20th question was again called, when the following Elders names were called one by one and their character passed : J. B. McGehee, R. J. Corley, J. S. Key, J. V. M. Morris, J. P. Wardlaw, G. S. Johnston, Geo. C. Clarke, W. W. Stewart, W. F. Robison, Geo. T. Embry, E. J. Rentz, L. B. Payne, J. W. Hinton, T. T. Christian, J. R. Littlejohn, W. W. Tidwell, J. M. Potter, Walker Lewis, J. A. Rosser, R. F. Evans, A. J. Dean, R. W. Dixon, P. C. Harris, E. H. McGehee, J. O. A. Cook, Peter

S. Twitty, A. P. Wright, R. L. Honiker, T. K. Leonard, J. T. Ainsworth, R. M. Lockwood, Wesley Lane, L. A. Darsey, G. J. Griffiths, J. M. Austin, N. B. Ousley, W. M. Hayes, J. W. Simmons, T. S. Armistead, J. M. Marshall, J. L. Williams, G. C. Thompson, D. G. Pope, J. E. Sentell, A. M. Williams, H. C. Fentress, W. F. Roberts, C. C. Hines, J. J. Giles, C. A. Moore, D. Blalock.

The name of L. G. R. Wiggins was called and character passed, and on motion of J. B. McGehee, he was granted a superannuated relation.

The name of Lovick Pierce was called and character passed, and he responded in an affectionate address to the Conference.

On motion of R. M. Lockwood, the Conference expressed its gratitude to God for the preservation of our venerable father, by singing the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," which was done, and Samuel Anthony led in fervent prayer.

When Dennis O'Driscol's name was called, the Presiding Elder stated that there was something against him, whereupon the Bishop appointed the following committee of investigation: J. M. Austin, P. C. Harris, J. D. Mauldin.

The Bishop called the 17th question: "Who are supernumerary?" The following names were called and their characters passed, and their relations continued: R. F. Williamson, S. R. Weaver.

On motion of J. O. A. Clark, C. J. Toole was granted supernumerary relation.

G. G. N. MacDonell presented an appeal of Rev. W. T. Rea, a local Elder in the Davisboro Circuit, Savannah District, from the decision of the Quarterly Conference of said Circuit.

On motion, the appeal was allowed, and referred to the following committee: O. L. Smith, D. R. McWilliams, G. T. Embry, J. R. Littlejohn, J. J. Giles, T. K. Leonard, A. P. Wright, S. R. Weaver, N. D. Morehouse, J. T. Ainsworth. R. J. Corley was appointed Secretary of the committee.

The Bishop called question 18th: "Who are superannuated?" The following names were called, characters passed, and their relations continued: W. H. Thomas, Wyatt Brooks, H. P. Pitchford, Y. F. Tignor, J. W. Talley.

The Bishop suspended the call, and introduced Rev. J. P. Lyon, Agent of the American Bible Society, who addressed the Conference.

Dr. McFerrin again addressed the Conference in behalf of the publishing interests, and took his leave.

The usual notices were given, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

## THIRD DAY.

SANDERSVILLE, December 15th, 1876.

The Conference convened at the appointed time and place, with Bishop Pierce in the Chair. Religious services by R. B. Lester.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following Lay Delegates took their seats: Thomas M. Bailey, J. L. Gibson, E. F. Courvoisie and J. P. R. Sykes.

On motion of R. W. Dixon the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That S. S. Sweet is hereby appointed Editor of the Minutes of the Conference, and that he be authorized to publish as many copies as he may deem best.

O. L. Smith, Chairman in the appeal case of Rev. W. T. Rea, read the following verdict: "We find that in our judgment the testimony introduced does not sustain the specifications, and, therefore, the charge is not sustained; yet, for the interests involved, we recommend that the Quarterly Conference proceed to a new trial." This verdict was signed by the Committee.

Question 18th was again called: "Who are superannuated?" And the following were passed and their relations continued: James Harris, Jacob R. Owen, Capel Raiford, F. R. C. Ellis, James Dunwoody, L. C. Peek, David Crenshaw, Walter Knox, W. S. Baker, W. F. Conley, T. B. Lanier.

Seaborn G. Childs was passed and left on the effective list.

On motion of J. W. Hinton, the name of J. W. Domingos, which had been omitted in the regular call, under question 20th, was called and his character passed.

N. B. Ousley, Chairman of the Committee of Investigation in the case of Wm. J. Green, made the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT:

We, the committee, to whom was referred the case of William J. Green, a member of this Conference, beg leave to make the following report, to-wit:

After prayerful and deliberate consideration of the evidence submitted to us we find no trial necessary. We would recommend brother Green to the tenderest sympathy and prayers of this entire Conference.

N. B. OUSLEY,  
R. L. WIGGINS,  
J. M. POTTER.  
*Committee.*

On motion of J. O. A. Clark, William J. Green was granted a location, at his own request.

The Bishop called the 1st question: "Who are admitted on trial?" The following being duly recommended by their several Quarterly Conferences, and the Committee of Examination,

were received: E. M. Whiting, from Savannah District; Harmon A. Hodges, Savannah District; W. J. Stallings, Columbus District; Burrel S. Key, Dublin District.

The application of Rufus A. Russell was not accept.

The Bishop called the 2d question: "Who remain on trial?" The following having passed an approved examination, were continued: W. F. Lloyd, Don Q. Abbott, Hamlin R. Felder, Littleton A. Snow and Samuel W. Stubbs.

W. H. Johnson and W. E. Shephard of this class were passed, and were discontinued at their own request.

J. M. Austin, Chairman of the Committee of Investigation, in the case of Dennis O'Driscol, reported a trial necessary, and recommended the appointment of a committee.

The Bishop appointed the following committee of trial: J. S. Key, Chairman; T. K. Leonard, R. B. Lester D. Blalock, A. J. Dean, W. W. Tidwell, E. J. Rentz, G. S. Johnston, G. J. Griffiths and C. C. Hines; R. J. Corley, Secretary.

Rev. J. P. Lyons, Agent American Bible Society, addressed the Conference on the circulation of the Scriptures within its bounds, asking the co-operation of the members.

The Bishop called the 4th question: "Who are admitted into full connection?" The following applicants having passed an approved examination, came forward and answered the usual disciplinary questions, and were duly admitted: Charles D. Adams, William C. Lovett, Robert B. Bryan.

Question 2d was answered by Thaddeus I. Nease and Robert M. Booth, continuing on trial in class of second year.

U. B. Norton was passed and discontinued at his own request.

The Bishop called the 8th question: "What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?" The following, after an approved examination, were duly elected: C. D. Adams, Wm. C. Lovett, Robert B. Bryan.

Question 5th: "Who are re-admitted?" was called, and the answer was—none.

The Bishop called the 6th question: "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" Answer, Alfred T. Mann, from the North Georgia Conference.

The Bishop called the 7th question: "Who are Deacons of one year?" The following, having passed an approved examination, were advanced to the class of the fourth year: I. F. Carey, James E. Rorie, Joseph W. Weston, C. E. Boland, W. F. Bearden, P. H. Crumpler.

William J. Flanders passed, and continued in the class of the third year.

L. G. R. Wiggins and Thomas J. Bazemore were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

R. J. Corley having resigned his position on the Board of Education, on motion of J. O. A. Cook, Walker Lewis was appointed to fill the vacancy.

G. G. N. MacDonell was elected First Vice President of the Board of Missions, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. E. H. Myers.

The Bishop announced the Memorial Service of the session to be held on to-morrow, December 16th, at twelve o'clock, in the Conference room.

Notices were given, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction.

## FOURTH DAY.

SANDERSVILLE, December 16th, 1876.

The Conference met at the appointed time and place, and religious services conducted by A. J. Dean. Bishop Pierce in the Chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. R. W. Lovett, alternate, was recognized as a member in the place of Thomas J. Bazemore, excused.

The Bishop announced the transfer to this Conference of Robt. J. Walker, of the Alabama Conference, and directed his name to be put in the class of the second year.

Question 1st was resumed: "Who are admitted on trial?" and Charles T. Bickley, from the Columbus District, after being duly elected, and passed an approved examination, was admitted.

O. L. Smith, Chairman of the Special Committee on the interests of the Publishing House, connected with the petition of Dr. R. Abbey, made the following report, which was adopted:

### REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the paper from Dr. Abbey, touching the claim of our Publishing House, now pending before Congress, recommend that the petition be officially signed by the Bishop and the Secretary of the Conference, and to be returned to Dr. Abbey for his use in the prosecution of said claim.

O. L. SMITH,  
J. J. JONES,  
R. B. LESTER,  
*Committee.*

R. W. Lovett, Chairman, read the report of the Joint Board of Finance, as to the assessment allowed to claimants, which was approved.

J. O. A. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, made the following report, which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

## REPORT.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, to which was referred the action of the Joint Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met at Cape May, August 16th, 1876, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the South Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled at Sandersville, Georgia, December 13th, 1876, heartily commend the action of the said Joint Commission, as honorable to the high contracting parties, and hail it as the pledge of a lasting peace to our common Methodism.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the members of this Annual Conference, and the Churches under our pastoral care, to carry out, by all proper means in our power, the agreement entered into by the Joint Commission of the two Churches.

*Resolved*, That we esteem it a most distinguished favor that the Chairman of the Commission, appointed by our Bishops to represent the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Rev. Edward Howell Myers, D. D., lived and died a member of this Annual Conference, whose memory we will ever cherish, and the nobility of whose life, and heroism of whose death we will seek to emulate.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Annual Conference are due, and are hereby gratefully tendered to our own venerable father in Israel, also, a member of this Conference, the Rev. Lovick Pierce, D. D., Chairman of our fraternal messengers to the late General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to his distinguished colleagues, the Rev. James A. Duncan, D. D., and Chancellor L. C. Garland, LL. D., for the able and satisfactory manner with which they discharged their important and delicate trust.

J. O. A. CLARK,  
J. S. KEY,  
SAMUEL ANTHONY,  
JOHN J. JONES,  
H. S. WIMBERLY,

*Committee.*

On motion of G. G. N. MacDonell, the Conference reconsidered the vote by which Harman A. Hodges was admitted on trial. The application was then withdrawn.

A. M. Wynn read the report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home, for the information of the Conference, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we do hereby, through the Conference, ask the Presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. Lewis B. Payne as our Agent and Superintendent for the Orphans' Home for next year.

The resolution of T. T. Christian, directing every preacher to raise at least ten dollars for the Orphans' Home during the month of January, 1877, was, on motion of J. M. Marshall, laid on the table.

The Bishop called the 12th question: "What traveling preachers are elected Elders?" The following, having passed an approved examination, were duly elected: Howard W. Key, Benjamin W. Key, John B. Culpepper; Summerfield N. Tucker. W. M. C. Conley passed, and was continued in class of fourth year.

Question 10th: "What local preachers are elected Deacons?" was called, and the following being duly recommended by their Quarterly Conferences, were elected: Elbert M. Whiting, Sa-

vannah District; John Wilkes, Dublin District. John R. Cum-bus, from the Columbus District, was not elected.

The Bishop called the 14th question: "What local preachers are elected Elders?" Maleomb Hair, duly recommended by his Quarterly Conference, with a note certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of our Church, was elected.

J. S. Key, Chairman of the Committee of Trial in the case of Dennis O'Driscoll, after a lengthy statement of the charges and specifications, read the following verdict:

We, therefore, adjudge the aforesaid Dennis O'Driscoll deposed from the ministry, and expelled from the communion of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A. J. Dean, W. W. Tidwell, T. K. Leonard, E. J. Rentz, George S. Johnston, C. C. Hines, D. Blalock.

R. B. Lester and G. J. Griffiths agree that the charge is sustained, but cannot agree to the punishment.

J. S. KEY, *Chairman.*

R. J. CORLEY, *Secretary.*

Dr. Jesse Boring, of the North Georgia Conference, was introduced.

On motion of G. G. N. MacDonell, the Conference took a recess for the purpose of holding a session of the Legal Conference.

At the close of the Legal session, the Ecclesiastical Conference resumed business with Bishop Pierce in the chair.

The Bishop called the 30th question: "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" Talbotton and Thomasville were placed in nomination, and Talbotton was chosen by almost a unanimous vote.

The hour appointed for memorial service having arrived, the Bishop called the 19th question: "What preachers have died during the year?" In answer, the report of the Committee on Memoirs was called for.

W. C. Bass, D. D., on the part of the committee, read the memoir of Rev. Edward Howell Myers, D. D. Appropriate tributes to the memory of the deceased were paid by the following brethren: J. W. Talley, G. G. N. MacDonell, A. M. Wynn, A. G. Haygood, and Wm. I. Green.

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Lovick Pierce.

## FIFTH DAY.

SANDERSVILLE, December 18th, 1876.

The Conference met at the appointed hour and place, with J. W. Talley in the chair, and the religious exercises were conducted by him.

The minutes were read and approved.

Bishop Pierce appeared and took the Chair and reported the ordinations on Sunday, answering the following questions: "What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?" Charles D. Adams, Robert B. Bryan and Wm. C. Lovett.

"What local preachers are ordained Deacons?" Elbert M. Whiting, Edward J. Benton, John Wilkes, Wm. H. H. Bush, Joseph A. Timmerman.

"What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?" Howard W. Key, Benjamin W. Key, John B. Culpepper, Summerfield N. Tucker.

A. J. Dean, Chairman of the Committee on Sunday-schools, read his report, which was adopted.

Geo. C. Clarke, Chairman of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, presented his report through P. S. Twitty, which was adopted after striking out the resolution requiring J. W. Burke & Co. to present an itemized account of receipts and expenditures yearly.

On motion of S. S. Sweet, G. G. N. MacDonell was appointed on the Executive Committee of the *Southern Christian Advocate*.

R. W. Lovett, Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance, made his final report, which was adopted, and the Conference funds distributed to claimants, announcing, also, that the Board had settled up in full the Bishop's claim and traveling expenses.

He announced also, the following assessments for the year 1877, which was adopted.

	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.	BISHOP.
Savannah District,.....	\$1,200 00	\$ 240 00
Macon      "	1,200 00	225 00
Columbus    "	1,200 00	225 00
Americus    "	1,200 00	225 00
Thomasville "	800 00	150 00
Brunswick   "	200 00	60 00
Dublin      "	200 00	75 00
	<hr/> \$6,000 00	<hr/> \$1,200 00

R. M. Lockwood, Assistant Secretary, read the Statistical Report, which was adopted. (See Statistical tables.)

J. O. A. Cook, Chairman of the Board of Education, read his report, accompanied with the assessment of amounts on the

various districts for the education of young men in the ministry; also, the statement of J. W. Burke, Treasurer. Pending its adoption, Dr. A. G. Haygood, of Emory College, and Dr. C. W. Smith, of Wesleyan Female College, addressed the Conference in the interests of the institutions with which they were connected. The report was adopted.

The following are the assessments made by the Board for the education of young men for 1877:

Savannah District,.....	\$185 00
Macon " .....	185 00
Columbus " .....	180 00
Americus " .....	100 00
Thomasville " .....	100 00
Brunswick " .....	50 00
Dublin " .....	50 00
 Total.....	 \$850 00

The collection of this amount devolves upon the Presiding Elders of the various districts.

J. W. Simmons, Chairman of the Committee on the Bible Cause, made his report, which was adopted.

F. A. Branch, Treasurer Board of Missions, made his report. (See Statistical tables.)

On motion of G. G. N. MacDonell, it was resolved that the collections for domestic missions be made during the months of February, March and April, and that for foreign missions during the months of August, September and October, and that the money in *all cases* be remitted to the Treasurer.

G. G. N. MacDonell was continued as Receiver of Foreign Missionary funds by vote of the Conference.

R. M. Lockwood moved that the Conference re-adopt the following resolution offered last year by Dr. E. H. Myers. It was re-adopted:

*Resolved*, That the first Friday in April be observed as a Conference fast day, and that the day be devoted to prayer, as far as possible, in every Church in our charges, as a day of prayer especially for the young, for the educational interests of our Church, for the missionary cause, and for the universal outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Sandersville for hospitalities; to the Baptist and Christian Churches for courtesies, and to railroads for favors, were offered by J. S. Key, and were adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of J. O. A. Clark, S. S. Sweet, editor of Conference Minutes, was authorized to publish in the Minutes, Bishop Pierce's Memorial Sermon of Dr. E. H. Myers, deceased.

The Bishop announced the Joint Board of Finance for the year 1877. Also the usual Visiting Committees to the various

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Colleges under the patronage of the Conference, which will be found in their appropriate places.

The Bishop announced the following appointments to fill vacancies on the Committees of Examination: O. L. Smith, Chairman of Committee for 4th year; J. W. Simmons, Chairman of Committee for 2d year; Walker Lewis, member of Committee for 2d year; J. O. A. Cook, member of Committee for 3d year.

On motion of Isaac Hardeman, John B. Cobb was appointed Trustee of Orphans' Home, to fill vacancy of J. M. Jones, resigned.

The minutes were read preparatory to closing, and were approved.

The Bishop announced the 278th Hymn, which was sung, and then Rev. John P. Duncan, of the North Georgia Conference, led in earnest prayer.

After a brief address, the Bishop, in answer to the 31st question, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" read the appointments for 1877.

Conference adjourned *sine die*.

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## MINUTES OF 1876.

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QUESTION 1.—*Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—Elbert M. Whiting, William J. Stallings, Burrel S. Key, Charles T. Bickley.

QUESTION 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER.—William F. Lloyd, Don Q. Abbott, Hamlin R. Felder, Littleton A. Snow, Samuel W. Stubbs, R. M. Booth, Thad. I. Nease, Robert J. Walker.

QUESTION 3.—*Who are discontinued?*

ANSWER.—Walter H. Johnson, W. E. Shephard, Urban B. Norton, at their own request.

QUESTION 4.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER.—W. C. Lovett, Charles D. Adams, Robert B. Bryan.

QUESTION 5.—*Who are re-admitted?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 6.—*Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

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ANSWER.—Alfred T. Mann, from North Georgia Conference, and Robert J. Walker, from the Alabama Conference.

QUESTION 7.—*Who are the Deacons of one year?*

ANSWER.—Isaac F. Carey, James E. Rorie, Joseph W. Weston, Cornelius E. Boland, Wilbur F. Bearden, Pleasant H. Crumpler, W. M. C. Conley, William J. Flanders.

QUESTION 8.—*What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?*

ANSWER.—William C. Lovett, Charles D. Adams, Robert B. Bryan.

QUESTION 9.—*What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?*

ANSWER.—Wm. C. Lovett, Chas. D. Adams, Robert B. Bryan.

QUESTION 10.—*What local preachers are elected Deacons?*

ANSWER.—Elbert M. Whiting, Edward J. Benton, John Wilkes.

QUESTION 11.—*What local preachers are ordained Deacons?*

ANSWER.—Elbert M. Whiting, Edward J. Benton, John Wilkes, William H. H. Bush, Joseph A. Timmerman.

QUESTION 12.—*What traveling preachers are elected Elders?*

ANSWER.—Howard W. Key, Benjamin W. Key, John B. Culpepper, Summerfield N. Tucker.

QUESTION 13.—*What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?*

ANSWER.—Howard W. Key, Benjamin W. Key, John B. Culpepper, Summerfield N. Tucker.

QUESTION 14.—*What local preachers are elected Elders?*

ANSWER.—Malcomb Hair.

QUESTION 15.—*What local preachers are ordained Elders?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 16.—*Who are located this year?*

ANSWER.—William J. Green, at his own request.

QUESTION 17.—*Who are supernumerary?*

ANSWER.—R. F. Williamson, S. R. Weaver, S. S. Sweet, C. J. Toole.

QUESTION 18.—*Who are superannuated?*

ANSWER.—W. H. Thomas, James Dunwoody, Wyatt Brooks, David Crenshaw, H. P. Pitchford, Leonard C. Peek, Y. F. Tigner, Walter Knox, John W. Talley, W. S. Baker, James Harris, W. F. Conley, Jacob R. Owen, Thomas B. Lanier, Capel Raiford, Arminius Wright, F. R. C. Ellis, L. G. R. Wiggins.

QUESTION 19.—*What preachers have died during the past year?*

ANSWER.—Edward Howell Myers.

QUESTION 20.—*Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

**ANSWER.**—Their names were called, one by one, and their characters passed, except Dennis O'Driscol, who was expelled.

**QUESTION 21.**—*What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of this Conference?*

**ANSWER.**—Local preachers, 216; Members, 29,697.

**QUESTION 22.**—*How many infants have been baptized during the year?*

**ANSWER.**—779.

**QUESTION 23.**—*How many adults have been baptized during the year?*

**ANSWER.**—2,638 added by baptism; 430 added from Sunday-schools.

**QUESTION 24.**—*What are the number of Sunday-schools?*

**ANSWER.**—316.

**QUESTION 25.**—*What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?*

**ANSWER.**—2,020.

**QUESTION 26.**—*What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?*

**ANSWER.**—12,631.

**QUESTION 27.**—*What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?*

**ANSWER.**—\$4,675 00.

**QUESTION 28.**—*What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?*

**ANSWER.**—Three thousand two hundred dollars and ninety-eight cents. Paid to claimants:

#### SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

Wyatt Brooks . . . . .	\$ 67 00	Wm. S. Baker . . . . .	134 00
H. P. Pitchford . . . . .	167 50	James Harris . . . . .	33 50
Capel Raiford . . . . .	67 00	S. G. Childs . . . . .	33 50
F. R. C. Ellis . . . . .	100 50	W. H. Thomas . . . . .	67 00
Y. F. Tignor . . . . .	67 00	W. F. Conley . . . . .	134 00
James Dunwoody . . . . .	200 50	Walter Knox . . . . .	200 50
David Crenshaw . . . . .	67 00	T. B. Lanier . . . . .	33 50
John W. Talley . . . . .	134 00	Dennis O'Driscol . . . . .	33 50
Leonard C. Peek . . . . .	67 00		

#### WIDOWS.

Mrs. W. B. McHan and children . . . . .	\$100 50	Mrs. Wilson . . . . .	\$ 83 75
" Boland . . . . .	50 25	" Cotter . . . . .	33 50
" Jordan and children . . .	134 00	" P. P. Smith and child . . .	67 00
" Crowell . . . . .	100 50	" S. K. Hodges . . . . .	67 00
" J. H. Robinson . . . . .	67 00	" W. W. Robinson . . . . .	67 00
" C. R. Jewett and child . . .	117 00	" W. M. Kennedy . . . . .	67 00
" J. B. Smith and child . . .	117 00	" Spence . . . . .	50 25
" Hayes . . . . .	50 25	" R. Luckey . . . . .	67 00

## CHILDREN.

Brother Berry's children . . . . .	\$ 50 25
Brother C. R. Jewett's children . . . . .	100 50
Brother W. W. Griffin's daughter . . . . .	50 25
Brother James Stewart's children . . . . .	83 75

Total paid to claimants . . . . . \$3,130 75

Paid for envelopes . . . . . 23

To Preacher's Aid Society, one Railroad bond valued at 70 00

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\$3,200 98

Amount of collection . . . . .	\$3,100 98
Received from Preachers Aid Society . . . . .	100 00

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Total amount . . . . . \$3,200 98

QUESTION 29.—*What has been contributed for Missions?*

ANSWER.—Domestic \$3,839 80. Foreign \$1,931 50.

QUESTION 30.—*Where shall the next session of this Conference be held?*

ANSWER.—Talbotton, Georgia.

QUESTION 31.—*Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

ANSWER.—See Appointments.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR 1877.

## Savannah District—A. T. MANN, PRESIDING ELDER.

Savannah—Trinity : R. J. Corley.	Waynesboro : R. B. Lester.
{ Wesley Church and City Mission : A. M. Wynn, J. W. Simmons.	Bethany : B. F. Breedlove.
Springfield : E. J. Burch.	Louisville : J. D. Mauldin.
Sylvania : J. S. Jordan.	Sandersville and Tennille : J. D. Anthony.
Scarborough : C. D. Adams.	Washington : T. I. Nease.
Bethel : C. E. Boland.	Davisboro : R. B. Bryan.
Alexander : N. D. Morehouse.	Gibson : A. Denton (supply).

## Macon District—J. O. A. CLARK, PRESIDING ELDER.

Macon—Mulberry Street and Vineville : G. G. N. MacDonell, S. S. Sweet, sup.	Perry : A. J. Dean.
{ Jones Chapel Mission : S. N. Tucker. First Street : Walker Lewis.	Byron Mission : To be supplied by L. G. Evans.
East Macon and Miss. : R. L. Honiker.	Fort Valley and Marshalville : P. S. Twitty.
Macon Circuit : W. C. Lovett.	Crawford : J. B. Culpepper.
Irwinton : Supplied by W. S. Baker.	Agent and Superintendent Orphans' Home : L. B. Payne.
Jeffersonville : J. W. Domingos.	President Wesleyan Female College : W. C. Bass.
Gordon : J. W. Burke and C. W. Smith.	Professors Wesleyan Female College : C. W. Smith and H. W. Key.
Toombsboro : D. R. McWilliams.	Professor Emory College : O. L. Smith.
Hawkinsville and Cochran : A. M. Williams.	Assistant Editor <i>Southern Christian Advocate</i> : J. W. Burke.
Hayneville : R. L. Wiggins.	

**Columbus District—J. B. McGEHEE, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Columbus—St. Luke : F. A. Branch.	Geneva : L. A. Darsey.
{ St. Paul : J. S. Key.	Butler : George S. Johnson.
Broad Street : J. V. M. Morris.	Cusseta : R. J. Walker and W. J. Stallings.
Girard and Trinity : W. F. Lloyd.	Buena Vista and Tazwell : J. P. Wardlaw.
Cataula : A. P. Wright.	Marion : G. T. Embry.
Hamilton : S. D. Clements.	
Talbotton : George C. Clarke.	
Talbot : W. W. Stewart.	

**Americus District—J. W. HINTON, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Americus : T. T. Christian.	{ Terrell : J. M. Potter.
Magnolia : J. R. Littlejohn.	{ Calhoun Mission : To be supplied.
Ellaville : P. H. Crumpler, R. F. Williamson, sup.	Lumpkin and Weston : W. F. Robison.
{ Oglethorpe : R. F. Evans.	Cuthbert and Georgetown : R. W. Dixon.
{ Buck Creek : To be supplied.	Randolph : T. K. Leonard.
Montezuma : To be supplied by J. L. Gibson, C. J. Toole, sup.	{ Quitman Circuit : R. M. Booth.
Vienna : H. C. Fentress.	{ Stewart : W. W. Tidwell.
Dawson and Smithville : J. M. Austin.	Muckalee : To be supplied by W. J. Wardlaw.
Leesburg : L. A. Snow	

**Thomasville District—E. H. McGEHEE, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Thomasville : J. O. A. Cook.	Spring Hill : To be supplied by L. C. Peek.
Fort Gaines and Blakely : J. W. Westton, S. R. Weaver, sup.	Boston : J. T. Ainsworth.
Cedar Spring Mission : To be supplied.	Quitman Station : S. Anthony.
Arlington : P. C. Harris.	Valdosta Station : B. W. Key.
Albany Mission : H. R. Felder.	Ocapilco : To be supplied by J. H. D. McRae.
Camilla and Newton : E. J. Rentz.	Morven : D. Blalock.
Cairo : W. Lane.	Lowndes and Echols Mission ; N. B. Ousley.
Bainbridge : R. M. Lockwood.	
Decatur : J. M. Marshall.	
Trinity : S. W. Stubbs.	

**Brunswick District—W. M. HAYES, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Brunswick : D. Q. Abbott.	Blackshear Mission : G. J. Griffiths.
Camden Mission : T. S. Armitstead.	Homerville : To be supplied by E. J. Benton.
St. Mary's : G. C. Thompson.	Nashville ; B. S. Key.
Charlton : I. F. Cary.	Moultrie Mission ; S. G. Childs.
Darien : T. A. Griffiths.	South Coffee Mission : To be supplied by J. Tooke.
Jonesville Mission : To be supplied by H. N. Andrews.	Worth : To be supplied by J. R. Ware.
Hinesville : J. B. Wardlaw.	Waycross : D. G. Pope.
Jesup ; One to be supplied, and C. T. Bickley.	

**Dublin District—J. E. SENTELL, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Dublin : E. M. Whiting.	Bryan Mission : To be supplied.
Laurens Mission : To be supplied.	Bulloch Mission : W. F. Bearden.
Eastman Mission : J. E. Rorie.	Swainsboro : C. A. Moore.
Telfair : W. M. C. Conley.	Wrightsville : To be supplied by J. B. Purvis.
Ocmulgee : W. J. Flanders.	Appling ; J. L. Williams.
Spring Hill and Mission : W. F. Roberts.	Wilcox Mission : To be supplied.
Mt. Vernon and Mission : C. C. Hines.	Conference Missionary : L. Pierce.
Reidsville : J. J. Giles.	

W. M. D. Bond and J. A. Rosser, transferred to North Georgia Conference.

## Constitution of the Board of Missions.

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**ARTICLE 1.** This Board shall be known as the Board of Missions of the South Georgia Annual Conference.

**ARTICLE 2.** Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one clerical and one lay manager for each district, who shall be elected quadriennially by the Conference. In case of vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise, the Board shall fill the vacancy, subject to the confirmation of the Conference. The Presiding Elders shall be *ex officio* members of the Board.

**ARTICLE 3.** The President, and in his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board; and in the absence of both, the Board shall elect a chairman from the members present.

**ARTICLE 4.** A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**ARTICLE 5.** The Secretary shall keep a full and correct record of the proceedings of the Board, and make its annual report to the Conference.

**ARTICLE 6.** The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and property of the Board, subject to its order, and shall make to the Conference, annually, an accurate and full report of all the receipts and disbursements of the Board.

**ARTICLE 7.** The annual meeting of the Board shall be held in the afternoon of the first day of the Conference session, at which it shall be the duty of the Board to make a careful survey of the various mission fields within the bounds of the Conference, and to establish, continue or discontinue missions, according to the provisions of the discipline, and make appropriations for the support of the same.

**ARTICLE 8.** There shall be a general missionary meeting held under the auspices of this Board, at the time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference. At said meeting a report or an abstract of the reports of the Board and Treasurer shall be made, and the general cause of missions promoted by such methods as the Board may deem expedient.

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## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCES FROM 1867 TO 1876.

YEAR.	For Pastor and Assistants.	For Presid- ing Elder.	For the Bishops.	For Confer- ence. Collection.	For Missions
1867 . . .	\$ 37,825 21	\$ 6,925 56	\$ 847 55	\$ 2,933 27	\$ 3,263 66
1868 . . .	41,463 04	7,631 84	1,134 10	5,416 08	4,644 21
1869 . . .	50,808 62	8,559 41	974 00	5,225 65	6,483 50
1870 . . .	54,942 78	8,355 17	1,022 00	4,368 07	6,039 41
1871 . . .	60,653 53	9,004 34	1,569 08	4,877 15	5,715 27
1872 . . .	57,413 15	9,284 60	1,430 95	5,463 45	5,945 13
1873 . . .	54,303 83	9,149 76	1,372 56	3,963 90	5,518 26
1874 . . .	53,700 63	8,768 67	1,268 50	4,472 76	7,438 29
1875 . . .	49,642 51	8,585 93	1,095 55	3,849 95	7,261 00
1876 . . .	44,476 38	8,155 97	1,035 50	3,200 98	5,771 30

## REPORTS.

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### ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Board of Domestic Missions, South Georgia Conference, present the following synopsis of their transactions for the past year:

Savannah City Mission was served by Rev. A. M. Wynn, in connection with Wesley Monumental Church. This Church itself is a monument of the wisdom of expending missionary money in large cities, as it has been raised in a few years by this means from the proportions of a tabernacle to a temple. In the meantime it has, by an unparalleled liberality, returned as much money nearly as it has received; doing this chiefly through its large and flourishing Sunday-school. Few and feeble in numbers, and poor in resources, it has paid more missionary money into the treasury than any Church in our Conference, excepting only that model mother Church, Trinity, Savannah. The pastor has given no written report of his operations in the mission field proper, but it is well known that he has given faithful attention to his work, and during the fearful epidemic of yellow fever, his pastoral services were greatly increased by the heavy demand for visiting the poor of his large parish and the city generally. The Board and the Bishop are so well satisfied of the necessity and expediency of aiding in the effort to extend Methodism in Savannah, that the same appropriation has been made for another year, and an additional minister sent to enlarge operations.

Macon City Mission, (Jones' Chapel), was served by Rev. W. M. D. Bond, very energetically, and with a fair measure of success. He reports a Church valued at \$1,500 00; members, two hundred and four; baptized during the year, twelve; paid pastor, \$72 45, besides boarding him; raised for repairs and incidental expenses, \$38 80. Class-meetings are regularly held, and love-feasts. There is a good Sabbath-school, well attended. This mission is largely sustained by the Mulberry Street Sunday-school, of Macon, this year contributing upwards of \$200 00, about half what it gave the year previous. The mission is continued without appropriations, except to allow Mulberry to give its special attention to that work as heretofore.

Broad Street, (Columbus City Mission,) was served by brother J. V. M. Morris, assisted by brother W. H. Johnson. As there is no work outside of the Church and the Church is fully able to pay a single man, by advice and agreement, it is no longer to be classed as a mission. It has one hundred and eighty-nine members; added by baptism and profession, thirty-six; two infants baptized; one Sunday-school; twelve officers and teachers; eighty-one scholars; paid pastor, \$275 00; Presiding Elder, \$55 00; Bishops, \$5 00; Conference collection, \$4 50; Domestic Missions, \$8 70; Foreign Missions, \$7 00; Educational, \$5 20; for Sunday-school, \$29 90; Poor of the Church, \$15 61. There is a debt of \$1,500 00 against the Church building, and we have, in consequence, no title to the property.

Albany Mission was served by Rev. R. L. Honiker, who gives us no figures, but the Board advise the continuance of aid to our feeble Church in that city, and the Bishop approves.

Lowndes and Echols Mission was served by Rev. N. B. Ousley. He reports two hundred and thirty-six members; thirty-eight added during the year, by profession, eight by certificate. The charge paid pastor, \$492 00; Presiding Elder, \$97 60. The field is a good one, yielding good results, but it still needs help, unless it could be served by a single man. It is continued.

Jesup Mission, served by A. Clark, local preacher. He makes a favorable report. The membership is ninety-seven, of which forty-two were received the present year. Important church buildings are on hand, and they are greatly needed. There are four Sunday-schools, sixteen officers and teachers, and sixty-five pupils.

Girard and Trinity Mission, near Columbus, Rev. J. P. Wardlaw, pastor in charge. It is chiefly composed of factory operatives. Has four churches, four hundred and fifty-four members, three Sunday-schools, thirty-three officers and teachers, two hundred and sixty pupils, and has a good library. One hundred and thirty-three Church periodicals are taken, including twenty-five copies of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, a notable feature, truly, in this report, reflecting the highest credit on the pastor. Paid pastor, \$462 75; Presiding Elder, \$98 12; Bishops, \$2 55; Domestic Missions, \$18 00; for superannuates, \$15 45; for Sunday-school purposes, \$192 05. It should, in the face of these highly encouraging figures, be dismissed from the list of missions, and so it has been by Bishop and Board.

Bryan Mission is reported by Rev. W. J. Jordan, a local preacher. There are four organized Churches, with a membership of one hundred and six. There is one Sunday-school, three officers, twenty pupils, and a small library. Has paid to preacher and Presiding Elder \$91 53, built a good country church, added forty-nine by profession and baptized four infants. It is not a very fruitful field, but this is the best report for the last fifty years, and it is continued.

Branchville Mission, reported by Rev. S. W. Stubbs. It has four appointments and one hundred and twenty-five members; received by profession during the year, fifty-two; infants baptized, two. It has two Sunday-schools, fourteen officers and teachers and eighty-six pupils. Paid pastor \$98 00, besides board; Presiding Elder, \$16 25; Home Missions, \$6 00; Foreign Missions, \$7 00; Conference collections, \$2 00; Bishops, \$1 25. It is said to be prosperous.

Mount Vernon Mission, Rev. C. C. Hines, reports ninety new members by profession and twenty-six infants baptized. There are five Sunday-schools, fifteen teachers, one hundred scholars, and about fifty periodicals taken. Paid pastor, \$277 30; Presiding Elder, \$25 00; Domestic Missions, \$31 90; Foreign Missions, \$15 00; Bishops, \$3 00; Conference collections, \$15 00. The pastor reports an encouraging prospect.

Cedar Springs Mission, in Early county, has four appointments and ninety-three members; Sunday-schools feeble, and the spiritual condition of the work not very encouraging, but it is a field that needs cultivation and help from the Board. Served by Rev. S. R. Weaver.

Moultrie Mission has ten appointments and eight Churches. These buildings are very poor; one put up during the year worth \$200 00. There is a young mens' prayer meeting doing good and working well. The Sunday-schools are not well supplied with facilities. There have been revivals. The spiritual condition has been greatly improved, for it was at the beginning very low; now three-fourths of the male members are praying people. It has been served by Rev. C. D. Adams.

Spring Hill Mission, by Rev. W. F. Roberts, has nine appointments; a membership of three hundred and forty; fourteen added during the year; baptized twenty-seven children. There are four Sunday-schools; about eighty pupils; twelve of our Church periodicals are taken; paid pastor \$185 40; Presiding Elder \$20 60; Domestic Missions \$17 00; Foreign Missions \$4 85; Conference collection \$2 35; Orphan's Home \$41 00; Bishop \$2 00; for Sunday-schools \$6 00. The work is advancing spiritually and may become self-sustaining in a few years.

Eastman Mission, by Rev. J. E. Rorie, lies mainly in Dodge county. Some of the Churches are unpromising, others present a hopeful prospect, especially "Eastman," a growing town, which in time, (if it continues to grow,) will become a station. It has one hundred and eighteen members; two Sunday-schools;

about forty pupils. There have been fifteen accessions to the Church; infants baptized, seven; paid pastor \$150 00; Presiding Elder \$30; the entire assessments ordered were paid in full, viz: Conference collection \$15 00; Bishop's fund \$3; Domestic Mission \$20 00; Foreign Mission \$10 00; Orphans' Home \$49 00. A good report, truly, reflecting credit on preacher and people.

Camden Mission, on the coast, Rev. T. S. Armistead. There are four Churches worth \$600 00; a parsonage with fifty acres of land attached, worth \$200 00; infants baptized twelve, adults two; paid preacher in charge \$120 25; Presiding Elder \$26 60; Bishop fund \$6 25; for superannuates \$10 50; Foreign Missions \$8 50, and \$8 50 for Domestic Missions. The work is not in a very good condition, but it needs fostering care and should have it.

Wilcox Mission, in Wilcox county, served by Rev. M. H. Gallaway, has six appointments; fifty-six members; fifteen added. The field is large and greatly needs attention, as Calvinism abounds and makes much opposition to Methodism. Paid pastor \$88 94; no other collections made. The Missionary says: "I have walked one thousand nine hundred miles to fill the appointments." Who can make such a showing as that?

Ocapilco Mission, Rev. J. H. D. McRae, has five appointments, three of these built within the past two years. There are sixty-eight accessions reported; Sunday-schools at three places; one hundred and forty scholars enrolled. Paid pastor and assistant \$275 00; it has never asked any aid of the Board, and prefers to be called a circuit.

Bulloch Mission, Rev. James R. Ware, reports one hundred nine members; one local preacher; infants baptized two; accessions twenty-five; Sunday-schools five; officers and teachers eight; pupils eighty-eight; periodicals taken six. Paid \$115 00 to pastor, besides boarded himself and wife and horse. Paid for Sunday-schools \$6 00; Orphans' Home \$11 00; for Domestic Mission \$6 25; Presiding Elder \$10 00. The work is doing well spiritually.

Laurens Mission, by Rev. W. Fisk Bearden. Has four church organizations; value of Church property \$750 00; paid pastor \$72 20; Presiding Elder \$8 00; Domestic Missions \$3 50; Foreign Missions \$1 90; superannuates \$9 15; Bishop's fund \$2 00; Orphans' Home \$5 50; members two hundred and four; accessions twenty; Sunday-schools two; scholars fifty; officers and teachers seven; pastor reports revivals in some places; he does not give a very flattering report, but advises a continuance of the mission.

Ochlocknee Mission, by Rev. J. W. Jackson, local preacher. He says there are five organized Churches with about ninety members in all; two Sunday-schools; additions this year fifty. This field is truly missionary ground.

Is not this exhibit large and minute enough to meet the requirements of the Secretary's Annual Report? If carefully read, the answer would be affirmative, for the facts and figures furnish instruction and argument in favor of Missionary operations. The Secretary, impressed with the indifference towards this rather unattractive literature of the Church, respectfully offers some additional reflections and observations designed to awaken deeper feeling on this momentous subject.

Our treasurer shows that less than \$4,000 00 have been given to the cause of Domestic Missions in the South Georgia Conference, and about half so much to the cause of Foreign Missions. This is less than twenty cents per member of our entire membership—a lamentable, shameful showing, which almost necessitates a belief that our people are themselves but half converted. For what is that religion worth which begins and ends in mere opinion and emotion, and is not characterized by a manifest zeal for the salvation of others, even of all the world. We may well doubt whether that man will go to heaven at all who is content to go there alone. "God will have mercy and not sacrifice;" and if an ignorant and depraved population do not call for compassion and Christian effort, where can subjects be found for the exercise of this Christlike virtue? Let us grant, as we frankly do, that there is no part of our State so poor as to be unable to maintain the Gospel on an economical basis; and further, there is no section

so benighted as not to know something of Christian institutions, yet it is evident that there are many parts of the Conference where there is neither sufficient appreciation nor liberality to sustain the Gospel. It may seem admissible to let such people alone in their sinful content to live and die as they please. This is not the theory nor spirit of Christianity; it differs to the last degree from the conduct of Jesus, the Saviour. Humanity, nay even infidel philosophy, dictates a community of interest in the ranks of Adam's race, leading to a diffusion of everything tending to its elevation and enrichment. The benevolent affections cannot be cultivated to any liberal degree without the efforts of the intelligent and rich to ameliorate the condition of the poor and ignorant. A religion that does not seek expansion will witness contraction, and finally extinction. The bane of the world is selfishness; the last demon to be exorcised from the human breast. Christianity must not be propagated from selfish motives, or an argument would be urged in favor of Christian missions on grounds of political economy, showing that the most rapid augmentation of wealth would accrue from a rapid extension of Christianity in the world. If the whole globe was Christianized, the wealth now paraded in statistical tables would appear as a rill to a river, as moonbeams to sunshine. Barbarians and half civilized and ignorant people have few wants, have little enterprise, and contribute but little to the general wealth of the world. We desist from this argument as a mere suggestion is sufficient for the wise, and the ignorant cannot be made to comprehend such an argument at all. That there is a feeble sentiment among our people on this subject is too evident for dispute. We have served two stations in Georgia, (one in North Georgia, the other in South Georgia Conference,) which once respectively paid more missionary money than the two entire districts pay now, including these cities located in said districts. Admit the poverty resulting from war, bad legislation and cotton growing, no possible vindication can be made for a people numbering five thousand in a single Presiding Elder's district that failed to pay five hundred dollars this year for domestic missions—less than ten cents per member! This state of things is explicable only on the supposition of feeble faith in the cause or in defective plans. We believe the failure is traceable to both these causes. It is doubted whether our preachers are themselves fully alive in the advocacy of the cause, well prepared with information to deal out in burning zeal to the people. They fatally err in postponing their collections to the close of the year. They sometimes violate the law—positive statute—by blending collections which should in all cases be kept separate. The Secretary ventures another explanation of our present lamentable exhibit. He believes the whole assessment system erroneous in conception and pernicious in effect. When we did best as a Conference, (the old Georgia,) assessments were wholly unknown. *Per capita* and *pro rata* have done the work; they are the sappers and miners steadily working for a grand explosion. Tell a rich Church \$200 00 is the amount it is expected to raise, and brother Crœsus, expert in figures, says: "O, very well, my part is about \$5 00; here it is, take it." And everybody does the same thing, only everybody don't pay. What an absurdity to go before a congregation to make a flaming speech, and then to limit its effect by setting every one to a petty calculation not to see how much, but how little, he can give. Money in large sums can only be had from those who have it, and the Church should look to the utilizing the idle and abundant means of those able to pay. One thing the Board has done, it has reduced the appropriations very much—not that they were too large, for they were really meagre)—to avoid the disgrace of a yearly failure. From necessity, the South Georgia Conference will long have missionary fields in her territory; these may not always be wisely located, but the past shows, amid many failures, abundant success. Our last year's results are creditable and encouraging in everything except the collections, and let us hope that new zeal will be inspired, better plans devised, and a more favorable condition of the country favor our operations. Let us begin early and work late, seeking to advance the cause in public estimation, and to do something worthy of our Conference not only at home, but for the Pagan world and the benighted people under the sway of deadly heresies and superstitions.

J. W. HINTON, *Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. A. BRANCH, Treasurer, in account with Board of Missions,  
South Georgia Annual Conference:

To cash received for Domestic Missions, from

Dec. 1876.	SAVANNAH DISTRICT:	DR.
Savannah—Trinity . . . . .	\$ 125 00	
“ Wesley Church : A. M. Wynn, Sunday-school . . . . .	100 00	
Springfield : J. S. Jordan . . . . .	72 65	
Sylvania : J. D. Mauldin . . . . .	51 45	
Scaboro : S. N. Tucker . . . . .	23 00	
Bethel : R. B. Bryan . . . . .	20 30	
Alexander : M. D. Morehouse, \$32 55 ; Sunday-school collection \$9 75	42 30	
Waynesboro : F. A. Branch, \$40 27 ; Sunday-school Waynesboro, \$65 73.	115 00	
Bethany : B. F. Breedlove, Sunday-school at Bethany . . . . .	200 00	
Louisville : E. J. Burch . . . . .	100 00	
Sandersville : J. D. Anthony, \$6 21 ; Sunday-school collection \$8 04 .	14 25	
Washington : T. I. Nease . . . . .	20 95	
Davisboro : J. B. Culpepper . . . . .	18 00	
Gibson Mission : J. B. Purvis . . . . .	10 00	
Total . . . . .	\$912 90	

## MACON DISTRICT.

Macon—Mulberry Street, \$191 10 ; Sunday-school collection \$205 12	\$396 22
“ First Street : S. D. Clements, \$15 00 ; Sunday-school \$40 00	55 00
“ Jones' Chapel : W. M. D. Bond . . . . .	25 00
“ East Macon : S. S. Sweet, Sunday-school collection . . . . .	25 00
Macon Circuit : W. C. Lovett . . . . .	28 00
Irwinton : T. A. Griffith . . . . .	12 05
Jeffersonville : C. J. Toole . . . . .	15 00
Gordon : W. S. Baker . . . . .	20 95
Hawkinsville : D. R. McWilliams . . . . .	70 10
Hayneville : R. L. Wiggins . . . . .	50 00
Perry : S. Anthony . . . . .	94 25
Fort Valley and Marshalville : R. B. Lester . . . . .	
Crawford . . . . .	
Total . . . . .	\$766 57

## COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Columbus—St. Luke : R. J. Corley \$100 00 ; Sunday-school \$100 00.	\$200 00
“ St. Paul : J. S. Key . . . . .	140 00
“ Broad Street ; J. V. M. Morris . . . . .	8 70
“ Girard and Trinity : J. P. Wardlaw . . . . .	18 00
Cataula : L. G. R. Wiggins . . . . .	7 00
Hamilton : G. S. Johnston . . . . .	47 25
Talbotton : G. C. Clarke, \$7 50 ; Sunday-school col. \$13 50 . . . . .	21 00
Talbot : W. W. Stewart . . . . .	100 00
Geneva : D. Q. Abbott . . . . .	20 00
Butler : W. F. Robison . . . . .	25 00
Glen Alta : W. F. Lloyd . . . . .	40 00
Cusseta : G. T. Embry . . . . .	38 00
Buena Vista : E. J. Rentz . . . . .	45 00
Total . . . . .	\$709 95

## AMERICUS DISTRICT.

Americus: T. T. Christian . . . . .	\$ 80 00
Magnolia Springs: J. R. Littlejohn . . . . .	63 15
Bethel: W. J. Wardlaw . . . . .	6 00
Ellaville: W. W. Tidwell . . . . .	8 00
Oglethorpe: J. W. Potter . . . . .	18 05
Montezuma: H. R. Felder . . . . .	20 00
Vienna: J. W. Domingos . . . . .	17 40
Dawson and Smithville: Walker Lewis, \$85 00; Sunday-school collection, \$15 00 . . . . .	100 00
Leesburg . . . . .	4 00
Terrell: J. A. Rosser . . . . .	15 25
Calhoun: R. M. Booth . . . . .	15 00
Weston: R. F. Evans . . . . .	23 25
Stewart: P. H. Crumpler . . . . .	14 00
Lumpkin: A. J. Dean, \$3 19; Sunday-school collection, \$26 21 . . . . .	29 40
Cuthbert and Georgetown: R. W. Dixon . . . . .	37 50
Spring Vale: P. C. Harris . . . . .	26 00
Total . . . . .	\$ 477 00

## THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.

Thomasville: J. O. A. Cook . . . . .	\$ 82 70
Fort Gaines and Blakely: P. S. Twitty . . . . .	40 10
Cedar Springs Mission . . . . .	• •
Arlington: A. P. Wright . . . . .	12 00
Albany: R. L. Honiker . . . . .	17 50
Camilla and Newton: T. K. Leonard . . . . .	36 05
Branchville Mission: S. W. Stubbs . . . . .	6 00
Cairo: J. T. Ainsworth, \$44 00; Sunday-school collection, \$6 00 . . . . .	50 00
Ochlocknee . . . . .	• •
Bainbridge: R. M. Lockwood, Sunday-school collection . . . . .	50 00
Decatur: W. Lane . . . . .	17 90
Trinity: C. E. Boland . . . . .	18 65
Spring Hill: L. A. Darsey . . . . .	19 00
Boston: G. J. Griffiths . . . . .	25 65
Quitman and Valdosta: J. M. Austin . . . . .	45 00
Ocapilco Mission: J. H. D. McRae . . . . .	4 00
Morven: I. F. Carey . . . . .	15 00
Lowndes and Echols: N. B. Ousley . . . . .	10 00
Total . . . . .	\$ 449 55

## BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Brunswick: J. W. Simmons . . . . .	\$ 25 75
Camden Mission: T. S. Armistead . . . . .	8 50
St. Marys: B. W. Key, \$30 00; Sunday-school collection, \$13 50 . . . . .	43 50
Charlton: W. H. Thomas . . . . .	27 15
Darien: W. Knox . . . . .	7 85
Jonesville Mission: H. S. Andrews . . . . .	10 85
Hinesville and Mission: J. M. Marshall . . . . .	48 75
Jesup: J. L. Williams . . . . .	7 00
Wayne Mission: A. Clark . . . . .	15 00
Blackshear and Waycross: G. C. Thompson, \$5 00; Sunday-school collection, \$51 25 . . . . .	56 25
Stockton Mission: E. J. Benton . . . . .	16 02
Nashville . . . . .	50
Moultrie Mission: C. D. Adams . . . . .	1 60
Waresboro: D. G. Pope . . . . .	• •

South Coffee Mission: U. B. Morton . . . . .	\$ 2 25
Worth: W. E. Shephard . . . . .	1 70
Alapaha . . . . .	• • •
Total . . . . .	\$ 272 67

## FROM DUBLIN DISTRICT.

Dublin: A. M. Williams . . . . .	\$ 19 60
Laurens: W. F. Bearden . . . . .	3 50
Eastman: J. E. Rorie . . . . .	20 00
Telfair: W. M. C. Conley . . . . .	18 20
Ocmulgee: H. C. Fentress . . . . .	23 30
Spring Hill: W. F. Roberts . . . . .	17 00
Mount Vernon: C. C. Hines . . . . .	31 90
Reidsville: J. J. Giles . . . . .	15 30
Bryan: . . . . .	• • •
Bulloch: J. R. Ware . . . . .	• • •
Swainsboro': C. A. Moore . . . . .	24 40
Wrightsville: W. J. Flanders . . . . .	5 80
Appling: D. Blalock . . . . .	25
Wilcox Mission: M. H. Gallaway . . . . .	• • •
Total . . . . .	\$179 25

## AGGREGATE COLLECTIONS.

Savannah District . . . . .	\$912 90
Macon " . . . . .	766 57
Columbus " . . . . .	709 95
Americus " . . . . .	477 00
Thomasville " . . . . .	449 55
Brunswick " . . . . .	272 67
Dublin " . . . . .	179 25
To amount from T. T. Christian, Treasurer S. G. Conference . . . . .	\$3,767 89
" " Anniversary collection . . . . .	24 00
" " Sumter Circuit on account of 1875 . . . . .	37 21
" " G. G. N. MacDonell, former Treasurer . . . . .	2 50
Total . . . . .	8 20
	71 91
	\$3,839 80

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## BY AMOUNTS PAID MISSIONARIES, 1876.

A. M. Wynn . . . . .	Savannah City Mission .	\$332 80
J. B. Purvis . . . . .	Gibson " .	124 80
W. M. D. Bond . . . . .	Jones' Chapel "	166 40
M. H. Gallaway . . . . .	Wilcox "	104 00
J. V. M. Morris . . . . .	Broad Street "	200 00
J. P. Wardlaw . . . . .	Girard and Trinity "	166 40
R. L. Honiker . . . . .	Albany and "	124 80
S. W. Stubbs . . . . .	Branchville "	41 60
J. W. Jackson . . . . .	Ochlocknee "	104 00
N. B. Ousley. . . . .	Lowndes and Echols "	908 00
W. M. Hayes . . . . .	Presiding Elder Brunswick District .	291 20
C. D. Adams . . . . .	Moultrie Mission .	83 20
E. J. Benton . . . . .	Stockton "	87 75
Alexander Clark . . . . .	Wayne "	83 20
T. S. Armistead . . . . .	Camden "	124 80

	Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$1,372 80
J. W. Marshall . . . . .	Hinesville and Mission . . . . .	208 00
H. S. Andrews . . . . .	Jonesville " . . . . .	83 20
W. E. Shephard . . . . .	Worth " . . . . .	41 60
U. B. Norton . . . . .	South Coffee " . . . . .	83 20
J. E. Sentell . . . . .	Presiding Elder Dublin District . . . . .	208 00
W. F. Bearden . . . . .	Laurens Mission . . . . .	41 60
J. E. Rorie . . . . .	Eastman " . . . . .	41 60
W. F. Roberts . . . . .	Spring Hill " . . . . .	62 40
C. C. Hines . . . . .	Mount Vernon " . . . . .	62 40
W. J. Jordan . . . . .	Bryan " . . . . .	83 20
James Ware . . . . .	Bullock " . . . . .	41 60
Dr. L. Pierce . . . . .	Conference Missionary . . . . .	416 00
		3,615 75
By amount paid Jones' Chapel, special donation from Mulberry Street Sunday-school . . . . .	205 12	
By amount paid for envelopes and postage . . . . .	5 00	
Balance on hand . . . . .	13 93	
		224 05
Total. . . . .		\$3,839 80

## COLLECTIONS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Dec. 13th, 1876.      SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

Savannah: Trinity . . . . .	\$ 51 00
" Wesley Church. . . . .	10 16
Springfield . . . . .	40 60
Sylvania . . . . .	40 25
Scarboro . . . . .	11 00
Bethel . . . . .	12 35
Alexander: Sunday-school, \$9 75; General collection, \$5 75 . . . . .	15 50
Waynesboro . . . . .	54 20
Bethany: Bartow Sunday-school . . . . .	75 00
Louisville . . . . .	50 00
Washington . . . . .	18 85
Davisboro . . . . .	5 00
Gibson . . . . .	4 00
Total. . . . .	\$387 91

## MACON DISTRICT.

Macon: Mulberry Street . . . . .	\$ 69 00
" Jones' Chapel . . . . .	45 30
" First St. Sunday-school, \$38 80; General collection, \$6 50 . . . . .	30 00
East Macon: Sunday-school collection . . . . .	18 30
Macon Circuit . . . . .	6 35
Irwinton . . . . .	14 00
Jeffersonville . . . . .	10 00
Gordon . . . . .	50 70
Hawkinsville . . . . .	25 00
Hayneville . . . . .	73 00
Perry: Sunday-school collection, \$2 00; General collection, \$23 00 . . . . .	10 00
Fort Valley and Marshallville . . . . .	\$351 65
Crawford . . . . .	
Total. . . . .	

## COLUMBUS DISTRICT

Columbus : St. Luke . . . . .	\$ 75 00
"    St. Paul . . . . .	80 00
"    Broad Street and Mission . . . . .	7 00
Girard and Trinity . . . . .	7 75
Talbotton . . . . .	15 00
Talbot Circuit . . . . .	28 25
Geneva . . . . .	7 00
Butler . . . . .	10 00
Glen Alta . . . . .	20 00
Cusseta . . . . .	4 45
Buena Vista . . . . .	20 70
Total . . . . .	\$275 15

## AMERICUS DISTRICT.

Americus . . . . .	\$ 53 50
Magnolia Springs . . . . .	25 00
Bethel . . . . .	4 00
Ellaville . . . . .	4 00
Oglethorpe . . . . .	3 00
Montezuma . . . . .	10 00
Vienna . . . . .	6 65
Dawson and Smithville : Sunday-school collection, \$12 45; General collection, \$8 55 . . . . .	21 00
Terrell . . . . .	10 00
Calhoun . . . . .	6 40
Weston . . . . .	15 10
Stewart . . . . .	4 00
Lumpkin : Sunday-school collection . . . . .	15 00
Cuthbert and Georgetown . . . . .	17 56
Spring Vale . . . . .	9 00
Total . . . . .	\$204 31

## THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.

Thomasville : Sunday-schools, \$64 46; General collections, 24 cts., . . .	\$ 64 70
Fort Gaines and Blakely : Sunday-school collections, \$7 50; General collections, \$12 50, . . .	20 00
Arlington . . . . .	3 00
Albany and Mission . . . . .	5 00
Camilla and Newton : Sunday-school collections, \$4 58; General collections, \$85 42, . . .	90 00
Branchville Mission . . . . .	7 00
Cairo . . . . .	25 00
Bainbridge : Sunday-school collections, . . .	20 00
Decatur : Sunday-school collections, \$3 75; General collections, \$1 25, . . .	5 00
Trinity, . . . . .	11 00
Spring Hill, . . . . .	7 40
Boston : Sunday-school collections, . . .	20 95
Quitman and Valdosta : Sunday-school collections, . . .	13 20
Ocapilco, . . . . .	5 00
Morven, . . . . .	10 00
Lowndes and Echols, . . . . .	7 50
Total, . . . . .	\$ 315 65

## BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Brunswick: Sunday-school collections, . . . . .	\$ 15 75
St. Mary's, . . . . .	15 75
Darien, . . . . .	2 00
Hinesville, . . . . .	26 50
Blackshear and Waycross, . . . . .	12 00
Stockton Mission, . . . . .	3 65
Total, . . . . .	\$ 75 15

## DUBLIN DISTRICT.

Dublin: Sunday-school collections, \$2 75; General collections, \$15 25, . . .	\$ 18 00
Laurens Mission, . . . . .	1 90
Eastman, . . . . .	10 00
Telfair, . . . . .	6 50
Ocmulgee, . . . . .	19 20
Spring Hill, . . . . .	4 85
Mount Vernon: Sunday-school, \$14 10; General collections, 90 cts., . . .	15 00
Reidsville, . . . . .	10 00
Swainsboro, . . . . .	15 60
Wrightsville, . . . . .	4 00
Total, . . . . .	\$ 105 05

## AGGREGATE COLLECTIONS FROM DISTRICTS.

Savannah District, . . . . .	\$ 387 91
Macon District, . . . . .	351 65
Columbus District, . . . . .	275 15
Americus District, . . . . .	204 31
Thomasville District, . . . . .	315 65
Brunswick District, . . . . .	75 15
Dublin District, . . . . .	105 05

Total from Districts, . . . . . \$1,714 87

Total from Districts brought forward . . . . .	\$1,717 78
One-half Anniversary collection . . . . .	74 42
Special for Indian Mission, price of Dr. McFerrin's Song . . . . .	5 00
Special collection for education of Mexican students . . . . .	100 00
Appropriation from Domestic Mission part of Anniversary collection for Mexican students . . . . .	37 21

Total . . . . . \$1,931 50

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By remittances to A. H. Redford, Treasurer . . . . .	\$ 180 00
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## ON EDUCATION.

Your committee have carefully analyzed the reports referred to our consideration. The report from Emory College is able, complete and gratifying. There has been a considerable increase of patronage. The corps of instruction has been strengthened, and the course of study enlarged and improved. The faculty and students have been blessed with health and harmony. The young men of the College have been characterized by studiousness, propriety and good morals, and better than all, the institution has enjoyed the gracious visitations of the Holy Spirit. We are gratified to learn that Mr. H. A. Scomp, elected to the chair vacated by Mr. John M. Doggett, for some years the accomplished Professor of Greek, has shown himself to be a thorough and successful instructor in the Greek and Hebrew languages. We heartily indorse the action of the Board of Trustees in creating the chair of Vocal Music, and in the election of Professor McIntosh to fill it. We rejoice in the completion of the College buildings, and in the progress made in the way of apparatus, library and endowment. While we most heartily commend this noble institution of learning to all concerned, especially to Methodists everywhere, as pre-eminently worthy of their patronage and support, we earnestly urge upon the members of this Conference that they cheerfully, actively co-operate with the President and Faculty in all their plans and efforts to develop and enlarge its sphere of usefulness.

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We are doing something toward the education of young men for the ministry, not as much as we ought to do, but the report of the Treasurer will show a respectable balance of cash on hand. We beg leave to suggest that only such young men be recommended to the Board for assistance as are clearly convinced of their Divine call to the work of the ministry, and to express our thorough conviction that it is best for all parties concerned that every such young man should receive such education as we may be able to give him at Emory College.

In conclusion, we recommend the presiding Bishop to appoint Dr. W. C. Bass, President, and Revs. C. W. Smith and H. W. Key, professors in Wesleyan Female College, and Dr. O. L. Smith, professor in Emory College, and that he appoint visiting committees to Emory, and to Wesleyan and Andrew Female Colleges.

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## ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee to whom was referred the interests of Sabbath-schools, beg leave to make the following report:

Number of Sunday-schools, 316; Officers, 2,020; Pupils, 12,631; Requisites, 13,316; Volumes in Library, 11,780; Collections from Sunday-schools for Foreign Missions, \$353 24; for Domestic Missions, \$948 98. Increase in the number of Schools, 6—of officers, 99—and of pupils, 299. Decrease in Sunday-school Requisites, 4,023—and in Volumes in Library, 635.

Surely the magnitude of this enterprise should command the attention of the whole Church, and employ the best talent in its advancement. The age in which we live is emphatically a Sabbath-school age; and dereliction in this respect is a calamity to any Church or community.

It is good to have suitable literature, and stress the use of it, but we must do more than hear mere rehearsals—we must labor to impress the spirit of the Gospel upon the young. And we cannot be too careful in the selection of teachers in our schools; for how can a man teach spirituality who has never been born of the Spirit. “The natural man understandeth not the things of the Spirit.”

And it would be well for us to devise a variety of plans to renew the interest in our schools, and avoid the monotony of running in old ruts in conducting them, by appointing monthly or quarterly lectures, so as to keep alive the interest, or any other approved method by which this may be done.

It has been suggested that we recommend the election of Sunday-school Superintendents at the Fourth Quarterly Conference. Also, that we urge the patronage of our own Sunday-school literature—the *Magazine*, *Visitor*, *Little People*, and *Lesson Papers*—and for little children, “*Methodist Catechism*,” etc., by Rev. A. M. Thigpen, of the North Georgia Conference; and we think our young people and parents would all be benefitted by the use of “*Our Children*,” by Dr. A. G. Haygood—and also our Wesleyan Catechism.

We recommend the following resolutions:

- Resolved*, 1. That we will pledge our continued and renewed interest in the Sabbath-school cause.
- 2. That we recommend the election of Sabbath-school Superintendents at the Fourth Quarterly Conference.
- 3. That we have great confidence in our Sunday-school Secretary, Rev. W. E. G. Cunningham, and that we pledge to him our continued support.

A. J. DEAN, *Chairman*.

## ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals report as follows:

There is no higher duty at present incumbent upon the Church, and no broader field for the development of christian enterprise, than the general dissemination of religious literature among the masses. While this is emphatically an age of advancing civilization, and the public mind, stimulated by the past progress, is thirsting for the unfolding of new truths in the department of popular science and secular literature; while the great problem of giving to the masses such intellectual training as will fit them for the duties and responsibilities of an intelligent citizenship is engaging the minds of statesmen and philanthropists, it is truly painful to reflect that the efforts of the Church at large, in seeking to promote the culture of the heart, are not commensurate with the demands which the new order of things seem to call forth. Knowledge is power—power for the accomplishment of salutary ends only as it is sanctified by the cultivation of the moral sensibilities. An advanced literature may go far to exalt the mind and adorn the social walks of life, yet it is only in the union of intellectual attainments with the culture of the heart that we can expect the fruits of virtue and happiness; and, at this particular juncture in our history, when the champions of infidelity are endeavoring by false deductions of science to prejudice the pub-

lic mind against the teachings of our holy religion, it becomes us to put forth renewed efforts in the dissemination of religious knowledge. In order to do this, we, as a Church, enjoy every facility. Having a publishing house of our own constantly issuing books adapted to the wants of the age, and representing our own peculiar religious views, we have a prolific source from which to draw all needed supplies. While this is an age in which it can be truly said, "of making many books there is no end," still, we submit that there are no publications more conducive to the ends which we as a great christian community are seeking to accomplish, than those issued from the publishing house at Nashville. We would urge, therefore, upon our preachers and people, the importance of disseminating these our own religious publications, as by so doing we may accomplish the two-fold purpose of elevating the moral and religious tone of the people and of aiding our book agent to liquidate a large debt necessarily incurred in the past.

We would make particular mention of the admirably selected libraries for the young on sale by our book agent. Every Sunday-school should be fully supplied with these interesting publications, and all our children should be encouraged to read them.

The book, "Our Children," by Dr. A. G. Haygood, though not issued from our publishing house, well deserves the encomiums bestowed and the flattering success realized in its circulation. No household should be without a copy. Besides these, the circulation of our standard theological works, our Hymn Books, and Book of Discipline, will be found to afford material assistance in our work of evangelization. With reference to our religious periodicals, it is, perhaps, necessary to say but little. It is, doubtless, true that no publication has such claims upon our attention and patronage as *The Southern Christian Advocate*. Fully alive to all the material interests of the Church, and particularly the organ of the Georgia Conferences, comes to us weekly, freighted with such general reading and religious intelligence as will adapt it to meet all the requirements of a popular religious journal. It is a matter to be profoundly regretted that the circulation of the paper has been materially diminished during the past year. This is, doubtless, attributable mainly to two causes: 1st. The marked stringency of the times, a difficulty to be met only by renewed efforts on the part of the agents; and secondly, a higher subscription price than is asked for many other religious weeklies. Your committee would express the hope that they may find it practicable to reduce the price of the paper to \$2 00 at an early day. Our Sunday-school periodicals, the *Visitor* and *Our Little People*, are still maintaining their claim upon our increasing patronage. Their introduction into our Sabbath-schools is found to be a marked element of success and progress in the prosecution of this important Church enterprise.

We make favorable mention of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, the central organ of the M. E. Church, South, published at Nashville, Dr. Thomas O. Summers, editor. To those who desire to keep informed with reference to the operation of the Church at home and abroad, no medium of communication can supersede the Nashville *Advocate*.

The *Southern Quarterly Review* has also claims upon us which we cannot well ignore. Its quarterly visits bring treasures of truth in the development of moral and religious science, which no one seeking a broad religious culture can afford to lose.

We submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1. That we pledge a renewal of our co-operation with our Book Agent in his efforts to steer the Publishing House safely through the difficulties which seem to threaten its very existence.

2. That we will put forth additional efforts during the ensuing Conference year to retrieve the fortunes of our own *Southern Christian Advocate*, and restore it to its former circulation.

GEORGE C. CLARKE, *Chairman.*

## ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home beg leave most respectfully to submit the following as their report for the past year:

With profoundly grateful hearts, and consciously recognizing the Divine superintendence and goodness, we render sincere thanks to Almighty God for his special blessings upon this great enterprise of the Church since our last Conference. We more than ever believe that God has, and is showing his special favor and approbation toward this noble christian charity. Through all the peculiarly delicate probation, trials and discipline of the past few years, he has safely guided us thus far, and led us into a "large," if not a "wealthy" place. In our report one year ago we said: "Our plans and arrangements for the future are such that we reasonably, and yet confidently hope to relieve ourselves of all liabilities, and also economically sustain the Home for the next year." This hope has not been disappointed, but fully met. Notwithstanding the universal and deep financial pressure upon all our people during the year, our worthy, most efficient, and indefatigable agent, under the divine blessing, aided by the co-operation of a number of our preachers and the christian sympathy and liberality of our people, has been able to raise means sufficient to pay our indebtedness—something over \$1,900 00—and pay all the expenses of the Home during the year up to January 1st, 1877, with more than \$100 00 to begin the next year.

The agent has raised in cash during the year, \$3,700 00; also a considerable amount of supplies, the estimated amount of which, together with donations sent direct to the Home from different friends and Churches, and the amount contributed by the wonderfully successful efforts of the Ladies' Auxiliary Orphans' Home of Macon, amount to an aggregate of about \$5,000 00. In addition to this he has obtained subscriptions, which were to have been paid during the year, of about \$2,000 00, most of which might have been brought up to Conference with anything like a reasonable effort on the part of pastors where these subscriptions were obtained, and which we think will yet be paid for the most part.

There have been twenty-eight children under the care of the institution during the year; eight of these have been provided with good, religious homes in different families within our bounds. The utmost discretion, carefulness and judgment have been exercised in this part of our delicate work, and we believe the best interests of the children have been served in all these cases. Sixteen now remain in the Home.

The management of the Home under the superintendence of brother J. B. Wardlaw, and his most estimable and efficient wife, has been Christian, refining, elevating, and successful. The happy change in the general conduct, behavior and manners of the children, is most noticeable and worthy of all praise.

We are now where we can, ought, and intend, to enlarge our sphere of operations as to the number of orphans provided for. As early as we can, we expect to fill the institution up to its present capacity, and then, as God may open the way, enlarge our capacity and broadly and firmly establish this Christian home for orphans.

The great interest taken in the Home by some individuals and Churches, and auxiliary societies in our Conference, merit our sincere praise and gratitude. We cannot forbear to mention the noble and unceasing efforts of the ladies of Macon through their auxiliary society. The estimated value of their contributions in money and supplies is \$800 00. Then, they have manifested great personal interest in the inmates and management of the institution, deserving commendation.

The imperative necessity for economizing in all our arrangements and plans for the future, demand that we consolidate the agency and superintendency under one management. This will require a partial change in our plan of operations during the next year. But the great saving of means and the labor of one man, dictates and justify the change, and will command approval.

It is impossible to compute the value and benefits growing out of the labors of the officers of this institution during the year, especially those of our worthy agent. Traveling and preaching extensively through the Conference upon the subject of

Christian benevolence, he has helped to widen these streams until it is most noticeable that where preachers and people have welcomed and aided him in this special charity, all the other benefactions of the Church have done the best, while the converse of this is equally true. Then, the sympathies and hearts of hundreds have been enlisted in behalf of the orphan, and of the Church seeking to care for the orphan that have never before been stirred, until now scores and scores are seeking the privilege of helping in this good work by furnishing homes for orphans beneath their own roofs, or are contributing most cheerfully to help us do it for them.

Again we say, and with special emphasis, that if all our brethren of the Conference and Church could but find it in their hearts to give us their cheerful, hearty and earnest support, confidence and help, for a year or two more, with heaven's blessing we shall be able to make this Home an honor to our Conference and Church, and a benefaction to hundreds of helpless, homeless orphans, over this land. Therefore

*Resolved*, That we do hereby, through the Conference, ask the presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. L. B. Payne as our agent and superintendent for the Orphans' Home for next year.

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## ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible needs no defense at our hands. 'Tis God's revealed will to man. The world is blessed or cursed as it accepts or rejects its Divine teachings. The history of the past, the admonitions of the present, profoundly impress us with this truth. The world is its parish, and every fallen son of the Adamic race its subject. The Church is specially commissioned to send this Holy word to the ends of the earth. Those who have been partakers of its blessings, and are walking under the light of its benign influence, should assuredly contribute to its distribution. Probably no one organization is doing more than the American Bible Society in the great work of Christianizing the nations. All Evangelical Christians should unite their efforts with her, that the world may be brought to the knowledge of God's word. Over thirty-three million copies of the Bible have been issued by this Society in the past sixty years. Her donations the past year amount to \$260,168 72. Her colporteurs have visited five million five hundred thousand families in the last ten years. Nearly one-tenth of these she has gratuitously supplied with the Bible. Year by year should Christians renew their energy and double their zeal for the promotion of this glorious work.

The Society has enlarged the districts and reduced the number of her superintendents. We have only one now for Georgia and Florida; heretofore we had two. They lessen the expense in this direction that they may more effectually supply the destitute fields. The old auxiliary societies will be expected to perpetuate their existence and push forward their work without the immediate supervision of the superintendent. All Evangelical ministers should co-operate with this economical and benevolent movement by holding regularly the anniversary meetings of the auxiliary societies and enlarging their work without the aid of the superintendent, knowing that thereby they are helping the missionary fields.

*Resolved*, 1. That as we have heard of the resignation of Rev. W. A. Parks, as Agent of the American Bible Society, we hereby express our high appreciation of his laborious and efficient efforts in that important field of Christian work, and pray that the blessings of a kind Providence may attend him in his new field of labor.

2. That we commend Rev. Mr. Lyon, Agent of the American Bible Society, to the people of this Conference, and hereby pledge ourselves to aid him to the extent of our ability in the noble and glorious work to which he is called.

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NAMES OF CIRCUITS  
AND  
STATIONS.

	MEMBERS.		BAPTISMS.			SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.						
	Whites.	Local Preachers.	Infants.		Additions by Baptism. from S. S.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.		Officers and Teachers.	S. School Pupils.	S. School Requisites.	Volumes in Library.
			White.	Local Preachers.			Schools.	Teachers.				
<b>SAVANNAH DISTRICT.</b>												
Savannah—Trinity.....	408	2	21	12	10	23	1	30	165	500	450	425
" Wesley and Mission.....	304	....	32	36	19	14	1	32	185	550	275	210
Springfield.....	508	2	14	18	....	6	8	29	240	678	405	40
Sylvania.....	358	3	9	22	5	1	7	32	205	....	....	42
Scarborough.....	185	2	22	32	10	3	2	9	42	....	....	4
Bethel.....	271	1	15	31	....	2	2	8	42	....	....	18
Alexander.....	580	1	....	38	....	10	7	35	225	75	100	50
Waynesboro.....	353	1	4	25	9	10	2	22	144	223	230	80
Bethany.....	550	2	25	120	20	4	6	30	230	250	300	100
Louisville.....	601	6	18	105	....	7	5	15	100	....	25	35
Sandersville.....	115	2	8	....	....	1	1	13	80	200	200	12
Washington.....	380	....	85	....	....	2	2	12	60	....	....	7
Davisboro.....	580	2	35	114	12	13	3	10	75	100	40	12
Gibson.....	341	2	7	68	13	3	1	8	35	28	50	5
Totals.....	5524	26	210	706	98	99	48	285	1828	2604	2075	1040
<b>MACON DISTRICT.</b>												
Macon—Mulberry Street.....	458	3	6	6	2	4	1	43	204	410	700	395
" Jones' Chapel, Mission.....	204	....	12	5	5	1	1	11	65	....	....	....
" First Street.....	317	1	4	5	....	5	1	32	220	420	268	150
East Macon.....	99	....	1	....	....	1	1	12	73	225	250	10
Macon Circuit.....	452	3	2	22	11	4	5	20	170	100	150	20
Irwinton.....	234	1	6	17	6	3	2	15	45	220	150	12
Jeffersonville.....	275	2	5	35	7	3	5	25	90	125	100	25
Gordon.....	325	3	3	25	....	....	4	12	110	150	75	....
Hawkinsville.....	108	1	....	....	....	2	2	20	109	200	....	137
Hayneville.....	421	2	5	5	3	3	5	33	190	300	100	20
Perry.....	171	3	12	1	....	1	2	17	98	100	85	22
Fort Valley & Marshallville.....	429	5	7	6	....	2	35	200	580	340	126	....
Crawford.....	409	2	....	12	2	3	5	35	200	....	250	....
Totals.....	3902	26	50	147	36	34	36	310	1774	2830	2468	917
<b>COLUMBUS DISTRICT.</b>												
Columbus—St. Luke's.....	509	2	15	18	9	15	1	26	207	425	258	190
" St. Paul's.....	207	1	13	14	....	2	1	21	157	420	250	100
" Broad St. and Mission.....	189	....	2	36	2	....	1	12	81	75	....	62
Girard and Trinity Mission.....	454	1	1	29	18	7	3	33	260	280	250	133
Cataula.....	220	1	....	14	....	5	4	27	140	....	....	....
Hamilton.....	300	4	7	....	....	1	3	15	150	175	75	20
Talbotton.....	190	3	1	1	....	4	1	11	70	400	70	....
Talbot.....	640	3	6	7	7	6	7	42	200	200	....	75
Geneva.....	329	3	3	5	3	2	4	18	125	157	....	25
Butler.....	575	5	4	25	....	5	4	70	300	175	180	25
Glen Alta.....	237	1	....	23	6	1	4	12	100	260	60	8
Cusseta.....	200	1	4	9	3	3	3	8	100	50	....	9
Buena Vista.....	510	5	6	51	14	2	5	30	206	230	....	20
Totals.....	4570	30	62	232	62	53	41	325	2696	2847	1143	667
<b>AMERICUS DISTRICT.</b>												
Americus.....	406	4	6	10	....	6	1	28	250	400	300	109
Magnolia Springs.....	334	3	6	32	7	4	5	23	228	281	235	37
Bethel.....	367	7	12	65	25	10	7	24	180	....	100	5
Ellaville.....	395	3	....	1	....	....	3	15	95	55	....	....
Oglethorpe.....	554	6	18	119	11	4	9	36	450	37	170	24
Montezuma.....	136	1	8	4	....	....	1	10	60	....	250	....
Vienna.....	750	6	6	74	16	6	10	56	395	27	150	6
Dawson and Smithville.....	265	4	3	28	6	4	2	30	155	220	40	92
Leesburg.....	162	1	5	19	....	1	1	3	15	20	....	3
Terrell.....	395	3	10	58	8	3	6	48	215	150	50	30
Calhoun.....	164	1	8	21	6	1	4	25	156	53	141	5
Weston.....	440	3	2	19	....	4	4	16	130	100	75	49
Stewart.....	401	1	6	72	19	1	3	18	145	....	150	10
Lumpkin.....	132	2	1	....	....	2	1	18	69	232	232	150
Cuthbert and Georgetown.....	223	3	5	9	3	7	2	19	148	175	96	35
Spring Vale.....	200	1	6	10	2	2	4	20	100	40	....	10
Totals.....	5324	49	102	541	103	55	63	389	2791	1790	1989	565

NAME OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERS.		BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS							
	Whites	Local Preachers.	Infants Baptized.	Additions, &c.	Adults Baptized.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. School Pupils.	S. School Requisites.	Volumes in Library.	Church Periodicals.
<b>THOMASV'L DISTRICT.</b>												
Thom'sville.....	230	3	10	24	12	7	1	20	175	225	250	80
Fort Gaines and Blakely....	305	3	13	10	3	2	2	19	107	228	188	94
Cedar Spring Mission.....	93	3	3	2	2	2	2	10	23	102	—	—
Arlington.....	272	1	9	22	—	3	2	7	80	20	—	7
Albany and Mission.....	76	1	3	7	—	2	1	13	52	24	150	66
Camilla and Newton.....	216	2	10	20	4	3	2	16	86	250	30	30
Branchville Mission.....	125	—	2	32	8	—	2	16	—	—	—	5
Cairo.....	374	4	9	34	—	—	4	30	195	40	120	22
Ochlocknee Mission.....	91	1	3	10	1	—	2	10	50	80	10	2
Bainbridge.....	131	1	17	9	—	—	1	17	120	200	250	18
Decatur.....	306	1	5	10	2	3	5	20	150	140	30	21
Trinity.....	181	1	1	22	—	2	1	6	56	24	500	6
Spring Hill.....	135	1	2	3	—	1	1	4	20	—	—	4
Boston.....	228	1	3	10	6	2	4	20	116	172	300	20
Quitman and Valdosta.....	237	3	2	2	—	—	2	20	110	—	—	—
Ocapilco Mission.....	208	1	3	68	17	1	3	18	140	90	—	16
Morven.....	259	3	12	41	14	4	4	24	138	116	45	18
Lowndes and Echols M.....	236	—	14	38	2	1	3	21	132	155	45	14
Totals.....	3703	27	121	364	69	29	42	295	1935	1764	2020	423
<b>BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.</b>												
Brunswick.....	147	2	6	4	1	11	1	17	102	175	200	65
Camden Mission.....	129	—	12	4	—	2	1	8	33	—	—	5
St. Mary's.....	85	—	14	25	15	2	1	11	68	75	336	27
Charlton.....	156	1	5	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	300	3
Darien.....	28	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	41	30	—	—
Jonesville Mission.....	95	—	8	—	—	1	2	6	60	—	—	4
Hinesville and Mission.....	353	8	—	34	11	3	4	27	117	55	281	17
Jesup.....	200	2	7	11	—	2	10	80	50	—	—	10
Wayne Mission.....	97	1	1	40	—	—	4	16	65	—	105	4
Blackshear and Waycross.....	114	—	2	12	3	—	2	18	164	319	38	12
Stockton Mission.....	145	2	—	45	—	—	5	26	136	—	50	154
Nashville.....	240	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Moultrie Mission.....	150	5	2	7	1	1	5	25	100	125	25	4
Waresboro.....	364	6	17	28	5	4	2	8	50	—	36	7
South Coffee Mission.....	180	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worth.....	208	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alapaha Miss'n, (no report)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....	2676	27	74	212	36	28	38	250	986	779	1371	314
<b>DUBLIN DISTRICT.</b>												
Dublin.....	362	2	9	27	6	4	3	24	155	250	200	8
Laurens Mission.....	203	1	—	20	—	—	3	7	50	20	—	2
Eastman Mission.....	118	—	7	7	6	2	2	9	40	40	—	4
Telfair.....	355	2	17	9	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	10
Ocmulgee.....	233	1	2	17	—	1	3	8	59	71	—	7
Spring Hill and Mission.....	343	3	27	7	1	1	4	12	80	240	—	12
Mount Vernon and Mission.....	300	2	26	90	10	1	5	15	100	—	54	—
Reidsville.....	461	3	29	58	—	2	5	25	140	—	175	8
Bryan Mission.....	106	—	4	15	—	3	1	3	17	24	24	1
Bulloch Mission.....	109	1	2	25	—	2	5	8	88	—	—	6
Swainsboro.....	515	7	24	88	—	4	12	40	367	57	115	4
Wrightsville.....	525	7	8	60	3	1	4	14	110	—	200	4
Appling.....	268	2	5	12	—	2	1	1	15	—	—	2
Wilcox Mission, (no report)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	3898	31	160	436	26	27	48	166	1221	702	714	122
<b>RECAPITULATION:</b>												
Savannah.....	5524	26	210	706	98	99	48	285	1828	2604	2075	1040
Macon.....	3902	26	50	147	36	34	36	310	1774	2830	2468	917
Columbus.....	4570	30	62	232	62	53	41	325	2096	2847	1143	667
Americus.....	5324	49	102	541	103	55	63	389	2791	1790	1989	560
Thomasville.....	3703	27	121	364	69	29	42	295	1935	1764	2020	423
Brunswick.....	2676	27	74	212	36	28	28	250	986	779	1371	314
Dublin.....	3989	31	160	436	26	27	48	166	1221	702	714	122
Totals.....	29697	216	779	2638	430	325	316	2020	12631	13316	11780	4043
Last year.....	29304	221	838	3689	697	290	310	1921	12332	17339	1465	4958
Increase.....	393	5	—	1051	267	—	35	6	99	299	—	—
Decrease.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4023	685	918

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NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	REAL ESTATE.						
	CHURCHES.		PARSONAG'S		OTHER PROPERTY		
	No.	Value.	Sittin's	No.	Value.	Specification.	Value.
<b>SAVANNAH DISTRICT.</b>							
Savannah—Trinity.....	1	42500 00	1000	1	12000 00		
" Wesley.....	1	10000 00	350				
Springfield.....	8	5625 00	1875			Ch site and C.G.	1203 00
Sylvania.....	5	2350 00	1400	1	800 00	Organ	60 00
Scarborough.....	4	2100 00	1000				
Bethel.....	4	1500 00	1500			Organ	130 00
Alexander.....	5	8000 00	1500	1	500 00	Organ	600 00
Waynesboro.....	5	13500 00	1250	1	3000 00	40 acre lot	1000 00
Bethany.....	3	2400 00	1000	1	1000 00	Camp Ground	2000 00
Louisville.....	7	5500 00	1500			Camp Ground	
Sandersville.....	1	5000 00	600	1	2500 00		
Washington.....	4	1000 00	1000				
Davisboro.....	5		1200				
Gibson.....	3	800 00	800				
Total.....	56	100275 00	15975	6	19800 00		4993 00
<b>MACON DISTRICT.</b>							
Macon—Mulberry Street.....	1	31500 00	1200	1	2500 00	W. F. College	110000 00
" Jones' Chapel.....	1	1500 00	300				
" First Street.....	1	16000 00	600	1	4000 00		
East Macon.....	1	2500 00	250				
Macon Circuit.....	4	3500 00	900				
Irwinton.....	3½	2500 00	800				
Jeffersonville.....	5	3000 00	800	1	600 00	Furniture	100 00
Gordon.....	4	3000 00	650				
Hawkinsville.....	1	1500 00	300			Ch.lot. par. etc.	525 00
Hayneville.....	6	6500 00	1500	1	1600 00	Organ	100 00
Perry.....	1	6000 00	600			Furniture	100 00
Fort Valley & Marshalville.....	2	7500 00	750	1	2000 00	2 acres l'd C. G.	125 00
Crawford.....	7	2000 00	2200				
Total.....	37½	87000 00	9850	5	10700 00		110950 00
<b>COLUMBUS DISTRICT.</b>							
Columbus—St. Luke.....	1	20000 00	1200	1	3500 00	2 Organs	1750 00
" St. Paul's.....	1	20000 00	600			Fur and Organ	2600 00
" Broad St. and M.....						Furniture	100 00
Girard and Trinity Mission.....	4	2100 00	1260				
Cataula.....	4	2650 00	1200				
Hamilton.....	4	2500 00	400				
Talbotton.....	1	6000 00	600	1	1000 00		
Talbot.....	8	9400 00	1850	1	500 00		
Geneva.....	7	2600 00	1500			Camp Ground	800 00
Butler.....	8	1500 00	2500	1	1000 00	Camp Ground	400 00
Glen Alta.....	5	2000 00	1300				
Cusseta.....	4	2000 00	1200			Furniture	75 00
Buena Vista.....	5	4000 00	1500	1	500 00	C. G. and Org'n	1200 00
Total.....	52	74750 00	15110	5	6500 00		6925 00
<b>AMERICUS DISTRICT.</b>							
Americus.....	1	7000 00	600	1	2000 00	Organ	150 00
Magnolia Spring.....	5	2050 00	1265	1	600 00		
Bethel.....	6	2600 00	1750				
Ellaville.....	5	7100 00	1300	1	500 00		
Oglethorpe.....	9	3500 00	3000			Camp G. etc.	125 00
Montezuma.....	1	1000 00	300				
Vienna.....	11	4500 00	2500			Camp Ground	2000 00
Dawson and Smithville.....	2	3000 00	800			Fur and Org'n	275 00
Leesburg.....	4	1800 00	1050			Ch'ch and lot	50 00
Terrell.....	6	2300 00	1500				
Calhoun.....	4	1300 00	968			Camp Ground	300 00
Weston.....	7	3500 00	1800				
Stewart.....	6	2600 00	1400				
Lumpkin.....	1	3000 00	400	1	500 00		
Cuthbert and Georgetown.....	2	6500 00	800			A F College	10000 00
Spring Vale.....	6	2000 00	1500	1	250 00		
Total.....	76	53750 00	20933	5	3850 00		12900 00

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MONEYS RAISED DURING THE CONFERENCE YEAR.

For Build'g, Repairing, &c.	For Pastor and his As-sistants.	For the Presid-ing Elder.	For the Bish-ops.	For the Confer-ence Collect-ion.	Educa-tion of Young Men.	For S. S. in the charge.	Orph-ans' Home.	Poor of the Church	In aid of other Church enter-prises.
.....	2000 00	425 00	60 00	127 75	40 00	450 00	250 00	234 83	821 00
8000 00	1000 00	100 00	15 00	17 00	10 00	86 00	150 00	200 00	656 00
.....	436 05	154 35	24 15	44 00	.....	8 65	70 60	5 00	9 40
20 00	356 52	71 30	22 45	55 80	4 45	18 07	.....	.....	.....
35 00	223 00	37 50	4 00	10 50	.....	5 65	.....	.....	.....
.....	307 89	51 50	17 75	24 50	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
80 00	644 00	129 00	12 00	26 90	.....	20 00	13 00	.....	.....
.....	1287 29	218 71	40 00	115 10	25 00	40 00	90 70	.....	.....
75 00	946 29	118 70	25 00	150 00	11 65	50 00	128 55	.....	.....
25 00	525 65	112 65	20 00	100 00	15 00	.....	310 00	.....	.....
366 90	586 95	72 87	15 00	17 25	14 75	52 00	56 95	.....	.....
3 75	71 75	3 00	8 75	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	220 53	80 00	8 00	11 00	7 45	.....	60 00	.....	.....
90 00	142 40	50 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8695 65	8726 57	1693 33	271 85	711 65	132 50	740 37	1134 80	434 83	1486 42
.....	2250 00	550 00	70 00	269 50	57 50	101 00	867 45	180 00	75 00
32 25	62 45	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 55	.....	.....
245 00	574 51	78 95	25 00	42 40	.....	45 00	.....	50 08	.....
.....	295 10	32 50	8 00	30 00	.....	20 22	.....	25 75	31 28
63 10	274 55	84 00	5 00	32 80	11 70	.....	2 00	.....	.....
.....	211 55	53 25	2 00	8 00	10 35	8 05	43 40	.....	.....
600 00	275 00	75 00	10 00	10 00	28 40	10 00	5 00	.....	.....
125 00	100 00	40 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 00	88 90	20 60	9 00	12 00	20 30	34 00	.....	.....	.....
.....	752 40	143 00	15 00	50 00	23 85	25 25	51 00	.....	.....
.....	500 00	80 00	18 00	42 00	16 00	8 00	78 75	.....	.....
150 00	763 06	161 94	26 00	107 25	10 00	60 00	102 47	.....	.....
100 00	47 00	56 00	5 00	35 00	12 55	.....	.....	.....	.....
1335 35	6194 52	1385 24	193 00	644 95	180 65	311 52	1150 07	263 38	106 28
.....	375 00	1600 00	275 00	30 00	187 50	.....	125 00	195 00	310 00
200 00	1200 00	200 00	35 00	136 00	.....	90 00	.....	130 00	50 00
.....	275 60	55 00	5 00	4 50	.....	5 20	27 90	16 80	.....
13 00	452 90	98 12	2 55	15 45	.....	179 05	.....	.....	.....
.....	360 25	42 85	.....	20 70	5 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	791 00	108 09	12 00	55 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	800 00	140 00	20 00	47 50	5 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....
400 00	1231 50	197 25	25 00	87 25	8 30	.....	138 20	.....	.....
75 00	334 50	44 95	3 00	15 00	1 40	15 00	63 00	.....	90 00
.....	620 00	100 00	15 00	25 00	5 55	.....	35 00	.....	.....
.....	216 25	57 80	4 50	38 00	3 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....
.....	507 36	67 57	10 00	23 00	5 00	5 00	3 50	.....	.....
165 00	745 77	100 15	10 00	30 50	.....	40 00	.....	25 00	.....
1228 00	9134 53	1486 78	172 05	685 40	35 10	489 25	447 60	581 80	140 00
.....	1377 00	225 00	25 00	80 00	.....	75 00	100 00	106 00	75 00
18 90	566 57	94 40	20 00	32 60	8 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....
300 00	410 00	50 00	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....
550 00	371 22	46 90	4 00	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 00	539 45	125 00	17 05	18 05	.....	12 00	48 50	.....	.....
300 00	400 00	100 00	15 00	12 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	150 00
63 00	406 36	88 60	8 50	14 45	.....	.....	5 00	150 00	15 00
209 00	741 70	158 50	25 00	45 30	8 75	15 00	11 00	.....	25 00
400 00	152 45	10 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	390 73	72 10	8 00	14 30	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....
565 00	107 80	31 10	5 00	19 00	5 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....
220 00	610 64	90 48	8 00	18 00	7 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....
10 00	358 60	61 40	9 00	10 00	.....	10 00	11 00	.....	.....
20 00	585 06	100 00	15 00	32 50	10 50	23 45	65 00	.....	.....
920 00	982 10	143 20	20 00	30 00	12 80	32 25	28 00	.....	.....
70 00	375 00	100 00	6 30	8 20	2 50	20 00	54 00	.....	.....
3649 90	8374 68	1505 90	190 85	354 90	54 55	256 70	308 50	306 00	265 00



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For Build'g, Repair'g, &c.	For Pas- tor his Assis- tants.	For the Presid'g Elder.	For the Bish- ops.	For the Confer- ence Collec- tion.	educa- tion of Young Men.	For Sunday Schools in the charge.	For the Orph- ans' Home.	For the Poor of the Church	In aid of oth'r Church Enter- prises.
120 40	980 65	185 85	22 00	85 00	7 50	25 45	86 10	34 25	203 75
4 75	686 35	137 25	12 00	30 00		36 00			
	80 00								
75 00	419 07	83 81	5 00	5 00		12 30	10 00		
130 09	390 00	75 00	8 25	7 50		28 39		50 00	86 10
248 50	597 65	126 00	.10 00	40 00		150 00	46 70	50 00	141 00
	98 00	16 25	1 25	2 00					
29 20	434 80	86 97	7 60	30 00	6 00	10 00			
	30 00								
500 00	100 00	10 00	60 00		12 00	30 00	60 00	15 00	
86 75	425 50	78 25	6 50	20 00	5 00	7 00			
	216 00	57 50	6 00	12 25	10 00		5 10		
	167 80	33 55	10 55	11 00	2 10				
50 00	440 62	88 13	9 00	15 00	12 00	10 00			
	576 90	115 85	13 00	43 00		43 90	50 45		
500 00	275 00			4 00			16 00		
60 00	259 16	57 50	5 75	13 80	5 25	14 05	63 10		
55 00	497 00	97 60	6 00	15 00	6 00	15 00	30 00		
1359 60	7074 50	1339 51	132 90	393 55	75 60	402 89	346 35	149 25	430 85
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## JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

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Attention is called to the sixteenth answer of the question : "What are the duties of a preacher who has charge of a Circuit, Station, or Mission?"

"To make a *written report* of the condition of all the claimants on the Conference collection within his pastoral charge, at each Annual Conference, to be submitted to the Joint Board of Finance."

By the decision of the Bishop no one has authority to pay over to any claimant any moneys collected for this purpose; it must, in all cases, go to the Joint Board of Finance.

To meet the claims upon the Board for the ensuing year it will require \$6,000 00 for claimants, and \$1,200 00 for support of Bishops.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

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The District Conference shall be composed of all the preachers in the District, traveling and local, including superannuated preachers, (whether residents without or within the limits of the Annual Conferences to which they belong,) and two delegates from each Quarterly Conference, and one from each Society or Church within the bounds of the District.

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## SESSIONS OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

No.	PLACE.	DATE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	Savannah, Ga . . .	Dec. 11, 1867 .	George F. Pierce . .	J. B. Smith.
2	Albany, Ga . . .	Dec. 16, 1868 .	George F. Pierce . .	J. B. Smith.
3	Cuthbert, Ga. . . .	Dec. 1, 1869 .	H. H. Kavanaugh .	J. B. Smith.
4	Fort Valley, Ga. .	Dec. 14, 1870 .	George F. Pierce .	J. B. Smith.
5	Columbus, Ga . . .	Dec. 13, 1871 .	W. M. Wightman .	J. B. Smith.
6	Thomasville, Ga .	Dec. 11, 1872 .	Enoch M. Marvin .	S. D. Clements.
7	Macon, Ga. . . .	Dec. 17, 1873 .	Robert Paine. . . .	S. D. Clements.
8	Savannah, Ga . . .	Dec. 9, 1874 .	George F. Pierce . .	S. D. Clements.
9	Americus, Ga . . .	Dec. 15, 1875 .	David S. Doggett .	S. D. Clements.
10	Sandersville, Ga .	Dec. 13, 1876 .	George F. Pierce . .	S. D. Clements.

# IN MEMORIAM.

## LIST OF THE DEAD

OF THE

# South Georgia Conference.

NAMES.	Entered the Itinerancy.	Died.	Age.	PLACE OF BURIAL.
CHARLES L. HAYES, . . . . .	1835	1870	66	Russell county, Ala.
JAMES M. N. LOWE, . . . . .	1845	1870	.	Clay county, Ga.
JOHN M. BONNELL, . . . . .	1845	1871	51	Macon, Ga.
JOHN S. FORD, . . . . .	1809	1871	81	Macon, Ga.
CHURCHWELL A. CROWELL, .	1829	1872	66	Terrell county, Ga.
CHARLES R. JEWETT, . . . . .	1844	1872	48	Bibb county, Ga.
J. BLAKELY SMITH, . . . . .	1847	1872	52	Macon, Ga.
JOHN H. ROBINSON, . . . . .	1821	1872	71	Oglethorpe, Ga.
WILLIAM M. KENNEDY, . .	1848	1873	56	Mt. Moriah C. G., Ga.
WILLIAM W. GRIFFIN, . . . .	1839	1874	.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
WILLIAM B. MCHAN, . . . . .	1849	1874	46	Cuthbert, Ga.
REUBEN H. LUCKEY, . . . . .	1842	1875	.	Thomas county, Ga.
THOMAS C. COLEMAN, . . . . .	1838	1875	.	Houston county, Ga.
JAMES SPENCE, . . . . .	1870	1875	.	Pulaski county, Ga.
EDWARD HOWELL MYERS, .	1841	1876	60	Savannah, Ga.

## REV. EDWARD HOWELL MYERS, D. D.

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With sad hearts we meet to-day. Death has struck down by our sides one of the most honored and gifted of our number. Our beloved brother, EDWARD HOWELL MYERS, is no more among the living.

He who for thirty-five years answered to the annual roll call of the Conference, will meet with us no more. It is fitting that we pause at his grave and draw lessons of wisdom from his life.

Dr. Myers was born in Orange county, New York, on the 9th of January, 1816, and had just completed his sixtieth year. His father emigrated to Florida during his childhood, and he was reared to manhood in that State.

He received thorough academic training, and graduated with distinction at Randolph-Macon College, Virginia, in the year 1838. It was during his College life that he recognized God's claims to his service in the work of the ministry. In a letter from Randolph-Macon, in July, 1837, there occurs this language: "In order to discharge my duty more faithfully to my God and to my fellow-creatures, I have taken license to preach."

Upon leaving College, he was employed first in the Manual Labor School at Covington, and afterwards as tutor in Emory College, at Oxford, Georgia. In January, 1841, he was admitted on trial into the Georgia Conference, and was regularly engaged in the work of the pastorate until 1845, when he was called to the Professorship of Natural Science in Wesleyan Female College, at Macon, Georgia. In July, 1851, he succeeded Dr. William H. Ellison to the presidency of the College, which position he filled with great distinction to himself and advantage to the College, till he was called to the Editorial Chair of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, by the General Conference of 1854.

For seventeen years he occupied this responsible position, and was an active agent in moulding opinion on all the great questions of Church polity.

In the winter of 1871, he resigned this important trust to meet the wants of the Church a second time as President of Wesleyan Female College—a post made vacant by the death of the lamented Dr. Bonnell.

After three years of service in the College, he returned to the regular pastorate, and at the Conference held in Savannah in December, 1874, he was appointed to Trinity Church of that city, and at the ensuing session he was reappointed to the same charge, from which he was called to his place in the Church above.

We have merely mentioned the fields of labor in which he toiled. What he accomplished would fill a volume. He was a master-workman in all departments of labor. A thorough scholar himself, the impress of his great mind was seen in the well-stored and polished intellects that enjoyed the benefit of his teaching. Female education in Georgia owes much to him; for no instructor of women had higher regard for their claims, or did more to elevate and improve them. He was a Christian teacher, and sought the religious welfare of his pupils. While polishing their minds he strove also to cultivate their hearts, and he was never satisfied unless he saw the fruit of his labor. His heart was often cheered by assurances of his success. He had many letters, from time to time, from former pupils, saying, in effect: "You, my dear teacher, first brought me to a

knowledge of my Saviour." "I owe all my Christian life to your prayers and counsels while in College." Such testimonials from grateful pupils have, since his death, brought comfort to the mourning heart of his bereaved widow, and constitute an enduring monument of his useful life.

Dr. Myers, as a writer and editor, had few equals. Refined and cultivated in taste, he possessed rare qualifications for the important and delicate duties connected with the editorial chair. Original, discriminating, bold, he never hesitated in the expression of his views on all the great questions suitable for discussion in a religious journal. He was judicious and far-seeing. He had an analytical mind. Surface work did not satisfy him. He penetrated subjects and understood them thoroughly. His opinions were not hastily formed, and though quick in his apprehensions of men and things, his judgments were always founded upon reason. He was tenacious of his opinions because he was conscientious. He sought for the truth, and when he obtained what he conceived to be truth, he never relinquished it, unless convinced that his own judgment was mistaken; then he was prompt in his confession of error.

Dr. Myers was a candid man. He never sought the good will of men by flattering them. Motives of policy and self-aggrandizement never controlled his action. "Is it right?" "What is my duty?" were the great questions that regulated his life. Kind-hearted, generous, unsuspecting, he sought to obey the golden rule, and did to others as he would have them do to him. His candor was sometimes misconstrued, but time generally set him right, and those who were wounded by his plain words came to love him as a true friend.

Dr. Myers, as a preacher, possessed rare powers. He loved to preach. It was the work to which he believed God had called him. A serious throat affection made it impossible for him to devote himself exclusively to the ministry. He never allowed an opportunity to preach to pass unimproved. His exegesis of texts was always satisfactory. He thoroughly analyzed his subject, and from the store-house of his varied knowledge, shed light upon the most recondite themes, so that his hearers went away instructed and edified.

There were times when he preached with surpassing power and eloquence. Rising with the grandeur of his theme, he carried his audience with him, and oftentimes, under the spell of his burning words, multitudes have been cut to the heart.

In prayer, like Jacob, he wrestled with God, and as a "prince" he prevailed. Such humble supplication, such earnest entreaty, such tender intercession, such overwhelming appeals to the Divine heart, have seldom been heard from mortal lips. He seemed to take hold of the very horns of the altar, and the answer generally came in copious showers of grace.

His last official work was perhaps his greatest. Entrusted by the chief officers of the church with the delicate matters of fraternity between the Northern and Southern branches of Methodism, he became the great pacifier—so that the Northern Commission unanimously testify of his meek, gentle, peace-loving, Christ-like spirit—and attribute to his presence and influence more than to that of any other member of the Joint Commission, the harmonious and satisfactory settlement of the questions that had disturbed the church for thirty years. His book on the "Two Methodisms" showed his intellectual grasp, illustrated his thorough knowledge of the whole question at issue; his magnanimity and Christ-likeness appear in his willingness to forget his book for the peace of Jerusalem.

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With distrust and apprehension Saul consented to accept the youthful combatant, and to stake the fate of Israel upon his prowess. Confiding in his cause and the protection of heaven, David advanced with his sling and the stones from the brook to the seemingly uneven conflict. God honored his faith, and gave him a complete and speedy victory. Greeted by the plaudits of the army he had delivered, the gratitude of the king, the triumphal song of the women, he did not lose his equilibrium, but "behaved wisely, and was accepted in the sight of all the people." But the characteristics which kindled the admiration of the army and the citizens roused the envy and jealousy of the king. The idol of the people became the victim of royal persecution. Expelled from the court by the fear of assassination, he was driven from the haunts of men, wandered in the mountains and dwelt in dens and caves of the earth. With the promise of the kingdom, attested and sealed by the oil of the prophet, he patiently waited his providential time. He formed no conspiracy to oust the apostate Saul, resorted to no unlawful means to hasten his inheritance of the throne. Again and again when the life of his enemy, the king, was in his power, he conscientiously withheld his hand and sought to make his forbearance the ground of reconciliation. When his malignant, unreasonable, implacable foe resisted all overtures for peace, and falsified every covenant into which his fickle temper allowed him to enter, he endured, "suffering wrongfully," quietly waiting the time and the order of God. David's confiding trust in the promise of God, thus delayed, interfered with and threatened, is an illustrious example for those who walk in the darkness of trial and affliction, and cannot forecast the issues of their condition. Doubtless these extraordinary trials were a test of character and a disciplinary preparation for the responsibilities of government. In due season, God being judge, he was crowned king of Judah and afterwards king of Israel, thus realizing in full measure and in propitious conjunction of events all that he had been authorized to expect. His reign was long and eventful. Wars, domestic troubles, rebellion, revolution, succeeded each other. The crown was an honor but a burden as well. The palace was haunted by the ghosts of care and crime and grief. The infidelity of servants, the treason of officers, the death of children—and, worse than death, their guilty plots, intrigues and untimely ends—no wonder he longed for the wings of a dove that he might fly away and be at rest.

The life of this extraordinary man, taken altogether, is one of the most wonderful revolutions recorded in history. At first, a shepherd boy in Bethlehem, he comes to the front a victor in an unequal and famous contest, then a renowned warrior, and at last a powerful monarch. But all along, his path was checkered; sorrows compassed him about, dark clouds flecked his sky and cast their shadows upon his heart, his home, and his throne. But he was a chosen instrument, and fulfilled his destiny, standing in his lot to the end of his days. Concerning him, the Apostle Paul, in his address to the Jews in the synagogue at Antioch, pronounced this high commendation: that David having served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep and was gathered to his fathers. A serene and happy death, the noble end of an honorable, useful life.

Before I proceed regularly with what I propose to say, it may be well to interject a remark concerning a passage in the scripture account of David, often quoted and greatly misapplied. It is said of him by the Almighty: "I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill

all my will." This declaration, taken in connection with the acknowledged sins of David's life, has perplexed the pious and been the occasion of ridicule, witticism and sneer on the part of the unbelieving. Interpreted and understood according to its obvious relations and design, its incongruity with recorded facts, vanishes. The expression refers not to his private but his public character; not to his personal conduct, but his official administration. Saul did not rule according to the will of God; he leaned to idolatry; did not obey the divine oracle; sought to be absolute in authority, and subverted the constitution of Israel. David maintained the laws and the worship of God, recognized God as *the king*, and himself merely as a vicegerent; did not grasp power or pervert the constitution of the kingdom, governed according to the laws and statutes of Moses, conformed to the national religion, and, in his administration, acted according to the divine mind and fulfilled the will of his Maker. Whatever his errors, these have no countenance or indorsement in scripture; but in his official conduct he did obey and execute the laws and reigned in harmony with the will of God.

So much by way of explaining a passage which has troubled many. Our design, however, is with the text, in view of the statement that David served his own generation by the will of God. With this, by suggestion rather than by enlargement.

Every man has his place in the world. Some for the higher spheres of human action, some for the lower. Nor are the intermediate grades left vacant. There are various distinctions in life, and the scripture does not discountenance them. They are not, as some imagine, altogether conventional, selfish, and terminating in the advantage of the higher orders. Both in the world and the church there is a difference of rank of office and of talents, but there is a connection between them and a dependence arising from it. In the ethics of Christianity, each and all are bound by the common law of mutual love and mutual service. Every man, however lowly his condition, is of some importance in society. Great talents are not necessary, to embrace and improve the means and opportunities which heaven provides, else they would be more frequently bestowed. Those occasions which demand five talents are comparatively rare, while those which require two are more common, but those demanding only one are to be found everywhere and every day. This natural and necessary order of things is wisely accommodated to the recognized inequalities of human endowment, and was doubtless intended to forestall the hasty conclusions to which we are prone to come. The responsibility which attaches to intellect, education, position, influence, is readily seen, universally acknowledged; and delinquency, perversion, abuse, is felt to be a crime against God and man. Yet, we who are not so richly endowed, nor so advantageously related, while we sit in judgment upon the culprit and render against him a righteous verdict, forget that we are responsible in our measure, and failure to do what we can, brings us into the same condemnation. Usefulness, considered simply as a fact, whatever may be true as to the degree of it, does not depend upon abilities and station. He who is not doing what he can in his present circumstances, would not do what he imagines if his condition were altered. He that is not faithful in "little," has no reason to believe he would be faithful in "much." But the contrary. The difficulty in all such cases is not a lack of natural ability, but a defect in moral principle. Not the want of means, but a want of character, of conscience, of will-power. Inten-

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tion, earnestness, consecration, these substitute money gifts, reputation, and they are within reach of all. The reasonings by which we deceive ourselves are not only fallacious when considered abstractly, but they belie our observations and the facts of human experience. The most gifted are not always the most useful. Indeed, very rarely so. The rule of proportion does not work out anticipated results. Might and power are often circumvented, defeated. God will not give his glory to another. He means "to hide pride from man," to check the conceit of intellect, to abash the philosophy of men, and "shut up" the world to faith and dependence. In this respect the providence and grace of God so preside and overrule as to justify effort, encourage exertion. The great lesson taught is, *try—do your best.* Never mind the arithmetic of numbers, the philosophy of forces, of means and ends, the magnitude of the obstructions, the array of opposition—go forward. It is an easy thing with God "to save by many or few." When Saul and his army were demoralized by terror, afraid to advance, ready to flee, Jonathan and his armor-bearer routed the Philistian host. I have often seen simple-hearted, earnest men, who, through infirmity of the reasoning faculty, were able to hope when wiser men would have despaired, project plans and achieve wonders. "In the morning sow thy seed, in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not which shall prosper this or that, or whether both shall be alike good." We are commanded to sow, irrespective of the winds and the clouds, in season, out of season, when things are hopeful and when they are discouraging in their aspect, and the intimation is decidedly strong that one is as likely to prosper as the other, and a large probability that both will be remunerative. At any rate, cherish a mind to work, embrace every opportunity, and distrust all reasoning, every plea and pretext which would relax or suspend the obligation to try.

David, as every man ought to do, served his own generation not by plans of his devising, but according to the will of God. He was an example of modesty, fidelity and courage in the humble walks of his early life. He addressed himself to the duties of the present without wasting time in dreamy imaginings of better days and more favorable opportunities. He did not decline doing what he could because he could not do what he would; did not strain after distant objects, overlooking and underrating the interests at hand, but filled every position according to its demands. In every period and every relation he maintained and manifested principles and dispositions which rendered him useful civilly, morally, religiously. As a son and a father, a citizen and a soldier, a subject and a king, in obscurity and splendor, in triumph and exile, in the fervors of youth and the infirmities of age, he was consecrated to duty. His wisdom, his authority, his wealth, were all employed in the service of his generation. While by his inspiration as a prophet he is, through the Book of Psalms, still serving the church and the world, yet he is commended to our admiration and imitation because he filled his place while he lived, met the demands of his station, the lowest and the highest, appropriated talents, influence, power, for the benefit of others, administered government in the interests of private integrity and public justice, and sought by well-laid plans to enlarge and perpetuate his influence for good among the people committed to his care. When age came upon him and he could go out to battle no more, when by the might of his generalship he had subdued all his enemies, and the fame of his prowess was a bar to invasion and

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the turbulent elements at home were all hushed to rest and he re-established upon his throne in safety and peace, still alive to the principles, objects and habits of his life, he projected as his last grand contribution to the wants of his generation a temple for the worship of the Most High. When once resolved, always prompt to act, he proceeded to amass materials, sparing no expense, determined to leave a house for God as the crowning memorial of his long and useful life. God forbade him to build the house because he had been a man of war and had shed blood, but approved and accepted the purpose of his heart. The work was reserved for Solomon, as a man of peace, but David did what he was allowed to do, and so fulfilled the will of God in the service of his generation.

At last this mighty man "fell on sleep." How expressive the word! The warfare ended, the soldier rests; life's stormy doom wrought out, peace settles like the hush of night upon the scene. The work of the day finished with the setting sun, the weary laborer sinks gently to sleep, a term which suggests cessation from labor, enjoyment of repose, and susceptibility of revival. Our friend Lazarus sleepeth, said Jesus to his disciples, but I go that I may awake him out of sleep. Our departed friends are not dead, they sleep, and Jesus declares that he will come again, and they shall hear his voice, and they that hear shall live. Earth is undulated with the graves of her children, and ocean rolls in fathomless silence over the loved and lost, but both shall yield up their sacred deposits at the last trump, and heaven grow rich with the jewels rescued from the spoiler, Death, and garnered so long in the grave, the treasury of the skies.

Those who knew Dr. MYERS as I knew him, will perceive that the principles embodied in the foregoing remarks were as much the suggestions of his history as the outgrowth of the passage we have been considering. He was an eminent example of fidelity to duty in every position, not for the sake of personal advantage, but for the benefit of others. He served his generation with unselfish devotion, with great self-denial of his taste, his ease, and his wordly store, and at last laid down his life a sacrifice to the church and his race.

I first saw EDWARD H. MYERS in the winter of 1832, at a session of the Georgia Conference, in LaGrange. He was then a mere boy, on his way from Florida to Randolph-Macon College. There and then began a friendship between us, intimate, confiding, which grew with our growth, ripened and mellowed with advancing years. Our affection was a current which ran smoothly, without murmur or ripple. Our fellowship was never disturbed in its concord by a jarring string. We differed sometimes concerning measures of church policy, but our discussions were kind and mutually deferential. His death to me was a terrible shock. So sudden, so unexpected, knowing that he had the yellow fever once before, and having escaped so long, I thought him secure. Without knowledge of his attack, the tidings of his death overwhelmed me. But he is not, for God took him. I opened not my mouth, I was dumb with silence, because Thou didst it.

Dr. MYERS was an active member of the Conference, but never itinerated much. This was no choice or plan of his, but doubtless by the will of God. In his earlier years he had a disease of the throat, which disqualifies him for constant preaching. The church withal had need of his services in another department of work, and set him to teaching. For this he was admirably en-

dowed. Highly cultured, the processes of his own education, gave him an aptitude for the instruction of others. Patient, pains-taking and thorough, he gave entire satisfaction in all of the institutions he served. A student as well as a Professor, he enlarged his scholarship by his vocation. The discipline of teaching trained his mind to accuracy, and the preparation for his daily duties in teaching, with the intervals allowed for general reading and study, ministered to the extension of his knowledge. He improved his time and opportunity. His profiting appeared to all. Pious, consecrated, without self-seeking, Providence led him along step by step, making one work a preparation for another. All his changes of position were in the regular order of church work, and followed each other without friction and without his contrivance. As a traveling preacher, a Professor, President of a College, Editor of a church paper, then presiding again over the same institution, and last of all in the regular work of the ministry, he was led quietly along, no scheming, no diplomacy, but cheerfully filling his place at the call of the church and by the will of God. No man was displaced to make room for him, but when the opening occurred a general conviction of his fitness designated him as the man and bade him enter. Set apart by solemn vows to the work of God, he had no will of his own, but obeyed the voice of the church. The church confided in him and he never disappointed her. Equal to every task assigned him, he met all its demands. Energetic, prompt, careful; he was always ready. His active mind, stimulated by the claims and calls of a new position, developed capacities latent to his own consciousness, perhaps, certainly surprising to his friends. No one attribute was so prominent as to dominate his character. He was many-sided, distinct but symmetrical, not specially distinguished in one thing more than another, but really good in all. Sagacious, comprehensive, capable of the broadest generalizations, yet familiar with the smallest details, at home in all the minutiae of the theoretic or the practical. He was "a man of affairs."

In Dr. MYERS there was a substratum of native intellect, but he developed slowly. He was greatly indebted to the schools which *educed* what was in him. The miner opens his shaft and brings from below earth's hidden treasure, so education roused and trained and matured in Dr. M. faculties which else had slept in darkness. His mind was mathematical rather than metaphysical. He did not speculate; he was not imaginative. He was familiar with facts and principles and reasons. His convictions were commonly clear, even intense, and he seemed to be self-willed, obstinate, to those who did not understand his mental operations. If any man could show him a reason which he had not seen for another view, he was open to the light and ready to yield. He loved the truth, and was always ready to embrace it.

His mind was constructive—great to design, full of expedients. He could plan a new house, project improvements in an old one, suggest modes of relief in difficulty, concoct schemes for the execution of a purpose, and devise ways and means more readily than any man I know. In the world of trade, he would have been a first-class financier; in agriculture, a model farmer; in law, as a jurist, profound; as an advocate, tender, faithful, effective. In medicine he would have excelled, exhausting all the books, but relying largely upon his reasoning and his observations. As a legislator, he would have been distinguished for the number and the wisdom of his measures. As a preacher—I am at a loss,

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for, strange to say, I rarely ever heard him. In the judgment of others, he was eminent and growing. He was rich in thought, had a facile use of language, and if his sermons ever lacked interest, it was because his style of thought and expression demanded close attention and a trained mind for full appreciation. He was never pedantic; did not use words of "learned length and thundering sound," but his sentences were long and sometimes parenthetical, and required effort to keep up with him. He was sometimes free from all these drawbacks, and then he was powerful, clear, strong, pathetic. To edify the church seemed to be his study. He was jealous of her morals, longed for her spirituality and purity, and he labored to build her up on the right foundation. He loved to preach himself, and greatly enjoyed the preaching of others. He was a good listener, appreciative, sympathetic, responsive. He was far above envy, jealousy, or disparaging another. Rejoiced in the labors and success of another as much as in his own. He had all the elements of usefulness in large measure—talent, knowledge, zeal, piety. Having retired from the editorial chair and the Presidency of a College, for the last three years he had devoted himself with all the ardor of his youth to the work of the pastorate. He had endeared himself to his people by his capacity, fidelity and devotion. To his own convictions of duty he stood firm in the face of a raging pestilence, and while ministering to the sick and dying, fell at his post at once a victim and a sacrifice.

Dr. MYERS was a deeply religious man. Far more so than those not familiar with his spirit-sentiments and habits would have thought. In general, he was not demonstrative in his piety, and yet always firm, uniform, consistent. Now and then his heart overflowed. Tears and smiles and exclamations of praise told of his unutterable joy. Christian principle was with him an ever-present force, moulding his character, deepening his experience, and sanctifying his nature. His religious feelings expressed themselves not so much in the forms and phrases of personal enjoyment as in travail of soul for the church, an inappeasable yearning for the revival of the work of God. Sometimes when his anxious, burdened soul would pour itself out in prayers and intercessions, and his faith would grasp the promises, he was transfigured in countenance, manner and expression. In these scenes he was an incarnate type of the two highest forms of religious emotion, travail and transport. All that I could say was well expressed by himself, when, being told that he must die, he said: "I am ready, and have been for a long time." There is a long biography in a single sentence. It tells of settled faith, assured hope, composure, satisfaction. His lamp was burning, and there was oil in the vessel.

It is a singular fact, considering the intrinsic merits of the man, the use made of him, the offices he filled, the influence he exerted, that our departed friend and brother was never *popular*. To those who did not know him well, he lacked personal magnetism. A little brusque in his manner, he was regarded as cold and repulsive, and many were chilled in their affection because they never ventured near enough to feel the warmth of his genial nature. It was a conclusive demonstration of his real merits, that when important things were to be done, offices of responsibility to be filled, many who did not like him, nevertheless leaned upon him, trusted in him, and expected great things from him. And now all bewail his death. There is a felt vacuum in the Conference, in the Church, and in all the more private councils of the brethren. A latent love long sup-

pressed by misconceptions of him, breaks forth in panegyrics. The meed of commendation justly due to the living man is lavished upon the tomb of the dead. The day of his death has been the day of his triumph. Conscious injustice is atoning for the error of its judgment by confession and eulogy, sorrow and tears. The voice of disparagement is hushed; none name him but to praise. Dr. MYERS delighted in the love and approbation of his friends, and it is a comfort to me to know that in appreciation, confidence and love, I was not in arrears to him when he died. It is a still greater consolation that Conferences and Churches, preachers and people, with one consent and generous impulse, unite with me, and those who knew him best and loved him most, to admire his character, honor his memory and weep at his grave.

EDWARD HOWELL MYERS "having served his generation by the will of God, has fallen on sleep," and rests in the narrow house. He will awake by and by. The Master will call and the servant will hear. "Jesus died and rose again, even so, them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Immortality! what a prerogative? Eternity! what a destiny? Heaven, bright, beautiful and blest! what a home?

Our brother the haven hath gained.  
Outflying the tempest and wind,  
His rest he hath sooner obtained,  
And left his companions behind.

We are going. Soon we shall be gone. Let us work while it is day, so that when the messenger comes we, too, may be "*ready*"—

"Adorned with Christ and meet for God."